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Office Director-General Avigdor Lieberman and Bardugo searched

all day for a compromise to end

the crisis. Shas leader Aryeh Deri and National Infrastructure

Minister Ariel Sharon also visited

the premier's office with sugges-

Sharon suggested that Netanyahu and Levy together lead

the steering committee, or that

Levy, Finance Minister Dan

Meridor, and Defense Minister

Yitzhak Mordechai all head it with

Meanwhile, Mordechai's media

adviser flatly denied the report on

Channel 2 that there were tensions

between his boss and the Prime

the prime minister and with the

members of his staff are good and

correct," said Avi Beniyahu, Mordechai's spokesman. "The

report on TV is absolutely incor-

Arieh O'Sullivan and David

Makovsky contributed to this

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### **Bassiouny: Economic** summit in jeopardy

**DAVID HARRIS** 

GTHE regional economic summit Rosanned for Cairo in November wished be in jeopardy if peace talks c.k. not resume by next month, we gyptian Ambassador Mohammed he Bassiouny said yesterday. so He said in an interview that he

believed the summit will be linked to the restarting of talks between Israel and Syria, Lebanon, and the

There had been speculation recently that Egypt might cancel the summit unless Israel showed signs of resuming talks. No such ultimatum has been officially issued, but according to Bassiouny, "the idea of the summit is to show the fruits of peace. How can there be economic cooperation without peace?"

Bassiouny did say, however, he expects peace talks will resume soon, allowing the summit to go ahead.

One senior government source said last night that he had "heard rumors" the Egyptians might can-cel the summit. Officially both the Foreign Ministry and Industry and Trade Ministry say they are proceeding on the assumption the summit will take place.
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as of [Tuesday], preparing for the summit, along with the Foreign Ministry and economic organiza-tions," the Industry and Trade Ministry said in a statement.

This was backed up by Foreign Ministry spokesman Danny Shek. "We do not know of any intent to cancel. From Israel's side prepara-tions are going ahead vigorously," he said.

Senior government sources said that canceling the summit would have a more negative impact on Egypt than on Israel.

They'll be shooting themselves in the foot," said one source.

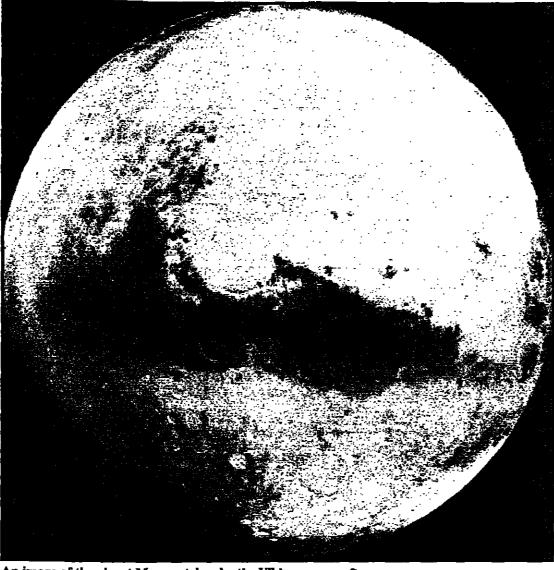
A different government source said that international conferences organized by politicians are not known to generate business.

MK Yossi Beilin (Labor) said he had heard from contacts that Egypt is indeed linking the summit to the peace process.

"I hope they won't use this weapon," Beilin said. "There is a danger that the summit will go ahead, but not at the same level as in the past, or it may even be canceled completely."

If the summit is canceled, it could affect some business deals. Groups of US businessmen and the presidents of 28 major Japanese corporations are scheduled to attend the parley before coming here.

The Japanese, in particular, invest where there is political stability, and the peace talks play a major part in this, said Max Livnat, economic attache in Tokyo.



An image of the planet Mars as taken by the Viking spacecraft.

### NASA finds evidence of life on Mars

countries in recent weeks on that

and very firm. We think there should

be a comprehensive peace agree-ment. And to arrive at that lofty goal,

we need to have peace negotiations.

if they're going to undertake those contacts," Burns told reporters.

statements made earlier this summer

that resurring talks and achieving a

breakthrough are not imminent and

In apparent acknowledgement of

Netanyahu's "Lebanon first" propos-

al, Burns urged all parties to "keep

their doors and minds open to ideas

face "many roadblocks."

generated by either side."

It's up to all those parties to decide

The US policy remains very clear

matter, he said.

HOUSTON - Researchers testing a meteorite from Mars said yesterday that they found evidence that primitive life once existed on the red planet.

The scientists from NASA and three American universities said chemical and microscopic tests of a rock from Mars detected organic compounds deposited in such a way that they could have come only from biological activity.

They also reported seeing shapes that "resemble some forms of fossilized filamentous bacteria," although much smaller.

When studying these factors, the researchers reported, "we conclude that they are evidence for primitive life on early Mars."

"We believe we have found quite reasonable evidence of past life on Mars," David McKay, the Johnson Space Center planetary scientist who led the team, said yesterday. "We don't-claim that we have conclusively proven it."

Relying on recent advances in electron microscopy and laser mass spectrometry, the NASA team looked into the meteorite's past and discovered evidence of organic carbon-based materials that are the building

blocks of life on Earth. After floating through space for 16 million years, the potato-sized rock carrying clues to possible ancient life on Mars was stored in a NASA vault for nearly a decade before researchers began unlocking its secrets, the scientists said.

"Only a few years ago, many of the features that they report were undetectable," Stanford University spokesman David Salisbury said, "Many of the team's

finding were made possible only because of very recent technological advances."

The craggy 2-kg. meteorite, found in the frozen Allan Fields region of Antarctica, was part of a US space agency collection of a dozen meteorites believed to have originated on Mars.

"[The space center] is the curatorial center for Antarctic meteorite collections," University of Houston geoscientist Arch Reid said. "That group has been instrumental in the discoveries that led to the supposition that these meteorites come from Mars.

The rock was found in 1984, during an annual meteorite hunting expedition sponsored by the National Science Foundation, and was preserved for study at the Johnson Space Center.

"It was studied in a preliminary way back then, but it's only in the past couple of years that it was realized that it's one of this group of possible Martian meteorites, which are really rare things indeed," Reid said. The oldest of 12 meteorites in the NASA collection,

the rock crystallized 4.5 billion years ago and was blasted into space when an asteroid or a huge comet slammed into Mars about 16 million years ago, scien-

President Bill Clinton hailed the discovery, and said America will pour its scientific prowess into the effort to confirm this stunning breakthrough.

"I am determined that the American space program will put its full intellectual power and technological prowess behind the search for further evidence of life on Mars," Clinton said in a statement.

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# Levy-Netanyahu crisis deepens

### Dan Shomron touted to head talks with Palestinians

Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy deepened yesterday. Levy's Gesher faction authorized him to take any step he sees fit - including resigning from the govern-ment - if the crisis is not resolved. Levy is expected to maintain his silence until tomorrow's cabinet

The main bones of contention between him and Netanyahu is who will head the steering committee overseeing the talks with the Palestinians and who will determine the committee's policy.

Officials say Netanyahu has given up his intention of appointing cabinet secretary Danny Naveh to head the committee and that there is a possibility former chief of staff Dan Shomron will be named. However, Shomron told reporters last night that nobody has spoken to him about this.

There was no contact between Levy and Netanyahu yesterday. Levy was infuriated when he saw Netanyahu say in a Tuesday night television interview that "there is one prime minister, only one, in

Netanyahu also said, "I've received a mandate from the people to preserve the state's assets and lands."

Levy drove home to Beit She'an and did not come to the inner cabinet or Likud ministers' session yesterday. At 10:30 a.m., he went to his regular barber, and at lunchtime arrived at Gesher's headquarters in Tel Aviv, where he held feverish discussions with his close aides:

At 4 p.m., Gesher leaders convened for an emergency meeting and launched a scathing attack on

Netanyahu.

The prime minister appears to be building himself his own administration beside that of the cabinet ministries, including the Foreign Ministry," MK Yehuda Lankri said. "We will not accept this. Unless serious action is taken to mend this distorted situation. this destruction of all the structures and apparatuses, we will draw the necessary conclusions. Quitting the government is one of

the options."
MK Michael Kleiner said that "the prime minister determines policy and the foreign minister is supposed to implement it. If this is how things will be, there's no problem. What's clear is that Levy will not agree to be foreign minister in name only."

The Gesher faction did not set a time limit, but Levy's advisor Ya'acov Bardugo thought he would make his move "in a very short time."

Meanwhile, Prime Minister's report.

### Levy rejects requests from foreign ministers to visit

FOREIGN Minister David Levy has rejected the requests of at least two foreign ministers to visit Israel, sources said yesterday.

The requests came from the foreign ministers of Mexico and an East European country. In both cases, Levy aide Ya'acov Bardugo sent back a negative reply.

In serving as Levy's so-called gatekeeper, Bardugo, a Gesher Party activist, has succeeded in keeping away almost all foreign diplomats. He has also kept virtually all Foreign Ministry personnel at a distance

from Levy, with the exception of acting director-general Eitan Bentsur.

A variety of sources said that during the few hours a day Levy spends at the Foreign Ministry, he huddles with Bardugo alone, presumably to discuss Gesher matters.

### It's time to stop the troublemaker

UNLESS Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu acts differently than he has since taking office, this crisis will be resolved like all the other melodramatic Likud "crises" involving David Levy over the last

This crisis seems to be headed for short-term resolution because Netanyahu has not demonstrated a willingness to confront Levy and risk having him pull his six-member faction out of the coalition. Levy, for his part, is unlikely to break his long track record of threatening, but never leaving his ministerial seat. Netanyahu has buckled twice

DAVID MAKOYSKY

post. Moreover, he yielded to Levy's insistence that Éliahu Ben-Elissar become ambassador to the US, which enabled Levy to add another member of his camp, Reuven Rivlin, to the Knesset.

But unless Netanyahu is willing to break out of this vicious cycle, his problems could be endless, as Levy's outbursts are bound to be repeated again and again over the next four years. Levy thinks the his own popularity.

One way Netanyahu can be

spared such periodic spectacles would be to create a national unity government. He would thus be doing what he often preaches: disarming the troublemaker.

A broad political base would not only rob the small parties - and Levy - of what they deem to be their God-given right to regularly threaten the prime minister, but would also enable him to enact needed economic reforms, which

require broad Knesset support. If Netanyahu does not change the coalition arithmetic, these continual eruptions by Levy will erode his

### Assad slams Netanyahu's 'Lebanon first' proposal

PM: The door is not closed

SYRIAN President Hafez Assad yesterday rejected an Israeli proposal to remove its troops from south Lebanon before making full peace

with Damascus. "Syria and Lebanon first - at the some time, in the same steps," Assad said at a news conference after talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Alexandria.

Assad said Netanyahu's offer, submitted via the US, raised little hope of a resumption in the two countries' peace talks, which have been stalled since March. "No one who read the invitation

sent by Netanyahu gets the feeling that it is the road to peace and that those who wrote it are committed to peace," Assad said. The government does not see Assad's statement as the last word

and still awaits a favorable answer to the proposals forwarded to him, according a statement released last night by Shai Bazak, Prime Minister Banyamin Netanyahu's spokesman.

"We clarified in the past and again that we are willing to negotiate without prior conditions. Israel does not see Syria and Lebanon as separate issnes," Bazak said.

Last night Mubarak phoned Neumyahu to brief him on his talks with Assact

The official Tishreen daily yesterday warned Netanyahu that Syria



Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

"will not cede an atom of Golan soil." Syria has said Netanyahu's offer would derail peace moves launched at the 1991 Madrid peace conference.

"We are committed to the peace process, based on UN resolutions, and the principle of land for peace and all obligations and agreements decided during the past five years. On these bases we are prepared to resume peace negotiations," Assad

"They [the Israeli government] want to resume the peace process without any foundation or ground for action," he said. "I don't think that

this will lead to any result." Assad said the Israeli invitation "did not mention any formula which indicates to anybody that there is a glimpse of hope for any future

During his news conference, Assad did not reveal if Netanyahu's invitation to Syria touched on his "all outstanding issues" comment Monday in Jordan.

Mubarak said Israel's talks with both Syria and Lebanon should be reopened as soon as possible. He said he believes Israel wants to resume talks, but a gap remains on the basis for negotiations.

Asked about the Mubarak-Assad State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said the US continues to seek a resumption of Israeli-Syrian peace talks.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher and special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross have been in touch with officials from the two

#### Grapes of Wrath monitoring panel to hold first meeting today. **ARIEH O'SULLIVAN**

THE five-nation committee monitoring the limited cease-fire between Israel and Hizbullah will meet today for the first time at the UN base in Nagura in south Lebanon, the army

The meeting will mainly focus on the US, Israeli, French, Syrian and Lebanese representatives becoming acquainted and setting up a working

He repeated the administration's schedule, the army said. Israel will be represented by Brig.-Gen. David Tzur, head of the IDF Liaison Unit with foreign

> A UNIFIL aircraft is to pick up the French, Syrian and Lebanese officials in Beirut and fly them to the 11 a.m. meeting.

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### TO OUR READERS

Please note that the number 5 has been added to all the phone and fax numbers of the main office of The Jerusalem Post (all starting with the number 3).

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with regard to detes mentioned. The binding terms are those given in the tender booklet and its appendices. 18 181 Na 1900 13 THE POPUL POPUL PORTY

### Compromise reached on Jerusalem office

Khader: I will continue as before

A COMPROMISE was reached yesterday between Internal Minister Avigdor Security Kahalani and Palestinian Council member Authority Hattern Abdel Khader which will allow the councilor to continue maintaining an office. in his east Jerusalem home.

The compromise defused tension between the PA and the government created by the announcement of the office's opening one week ago today. On the ground, however, the agreement reached between Khader and Kahalani changes little.

Palestinians seeking help in dealing with the Palestinian or Israeli authorities will still be able to come to the makeshift office in the councilor's living room in Beit Hanina as Kahalani's closure order has been rescinded.

"Both sides were looking for a way to come down from the high branches onto which they had climbed," said Khader's lawyer, Mazen Qupty, who described the

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Beloved children: Hal, Ophra

Daughter: Mickey and Yoel Ronen Sons: Yigal and Zvia Avni Eli and Haya Avni

Brother: Jacob and Emuna Katzenstein

Grandchildren and family

agreement as being "good for everyone concerned.

The agreement was in the form of letter from Khader to Kahalani in which the Palestinian councilor states that the office in his home is not connected with the PA or the PA legislative council, but is merely his private office.

The government originally want-ed Khader's office closed on the grounds that it represented an official PA office in Jerusalem, a violation of peace accords, which ban PA activity in the city. Ministry officials said Khader knew he was in the wrong, and that was why he agreed to the letter.

We will continue to watch carefully to ensure that he does not violate the ban on PA activity in Jerusalem," a senior ministry official said.

Ministry officials tried to present the agreement as a victory, but admitted that it would have been difficult to enforce the cloKhader said he has not given in

"Nothing will be different," Khader said. "I will still receive people in the office, as I did

As of late last night, it was still unclear whether the ministry had received the letter. A ministry spokesman said it was not received, but that it was understood that the letter would come this morning. Khader said he had faxed the letter to Kahalani.

Khader also said that the compromise was reached with the aid of Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny, who spoke several times with Kahalani. The ministry

spokesman, however, denied this. On Tuesday, Khader met secret-ly with Kahalani advisor's Amit Glusgo to work out the general parameters of the letter. Yesterday, Qupty and Hannah Keller, the Internal Security Ministry's legal advisor, met for several hours to work out the

#### Abbas: IDF wouldn't let me cross into Gaza

PALESTINIAN Authority official Mahmoud Abbas and the PA security chief for Gaza claim the IDF refused to allow them to cross from Gaza to the West Bank via the Erez checkpoint on Monday. The IDF Spokesman said that they had left the checkpoint and

returned to Gaza of their own free The men, who were both carrying Class I VIP passes which allow holders to cross IDF checkpoints unhindered, said they were detained at the checkpoint for an

hour and a half. They had been on their way to a Palestinian Council meeting in

### King Hussein assures Arafat that Israel will keep agreements

AKABA (AP) - King Hussein assured Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday that Israel will abide by the accords it signed with the Palestinians, sources said.

Arafat traveled to Akaba yesterday to enlist the Jordanian king's help in pushing forward the peace negotiations.

Neither Arafat nor Hussein spoke to reporters after their 21/2 hour meeting.

But the sources said Hussein assured Arafat of Israel's intention to resume talks with the Palestinians and redeploy in Hebron.
Omar Khatib, the leading Palestinian representative to Jordan, said Arafat was seeking to enlist Hussein's "support for the swift resumption of peace negotiations with Israel."

"We are also interested to hear about discussions that took place this week between King Hussein and the Israeli prime minister as well as the king's talks with President Assad," Khatib said.

Arafat's visit to Jordan came two days after Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, on his

first visit to Jordan as premier, vowed to revi talize Arab-Israeli peace talks on all tracks.

Also yesterday, Palestinian security officials said Arafat is preparing to release dozens of the Islamic militants imprisoned following the wave of suicide bombings earlier this year. Arafat has gradually released most of the detainees. About 300 remain in prison.

The officials said Arafat had ordered a review of the files of 65 prisoners - the first step toward releasing them.

### IDF, Jordanian brass discuss security

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan met with the Jordanian army's deputy chief of staff, Gen. Tahsayen Shurdum, yesterday to discuss ways to improve security along the border.

The meeting focused on the bloody ambush in June in which unmen infiltrated from Jordan, killed three Israeli soldiers, stole their weapons and fled. At the meeting, held on the Jordanian

side of the Adam Bridge, area commanders from both armies discussed the implementation of ssons learned from the ambush, an IDF communique said.

Those who participated in the meeting stressed the importance of maintaining a high level of security along the border, but at the same time allowing continued

civilian activity in the area. Both sides agreed to continue holding meetings between area commanders to ensure changes are implemented.

An inquiry into the ambush found that IDF commanders had failed to quickly relay a report of the attack to the Jordanians, and it was only about six hours later that the

began to sweep the area for the gunmen, who succeeded in escaping.

Since the ambush, the IDF has reportedly beefed up its patrols along the normally quiet border with Jordan. Regular soldiers have been reassigned to the front, which had been guarded by reservists until the attack, and reservists are now being retrained in shooting, charging, and throwing hand grenades.



OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan (center) and Gen. Tahsayen Shurdum, deputy chief of staff of the Jordanian army, discuss improving border security at a meeting in Jordan by the Adam Bridge yesterday.

### NRP demands to be consulted on Hebron moves

**EVELYN GORDON** 

THE National Religious Party sent an angry letter to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday, demanding that he not order a redeployment in Hebron without

The letter was sent in response to media ports, which said the null-out from Hebron would take place very shortly.

"We are, of course, aware of the caution with which one must relate to such reports, as they are liable to be tendentious and intentionally distorted," wrote faction chairman Hanan Porat. "But despite this, we cannot ignore them. Furthermore, autho-

rized officials in the security forces have said the IDF is now preparing to redeploy in long as it has not receive contrary from the political level.

"Out of belief in the deep and eternal connection between the Jewish people and Hebron, the city of our fathers, and out of fear for the safety and the future of the Jewish settlement in Hebron should the army withdraw from most of the city, we

are asking the prime minister to meet with the NRP faction as soon as possible to dis-Hebron according to the Oslo-Taba accords, cuss the future of Hebron, and we demand which is the only valid plan in its eyes as that no decisions be made on this issue

> "Hebron, the city of our fathers, is a matter of vital importance. Together with the entire national camp, we fought for its safety and unity during the election campaign, and this places a heavy responsibility on all

Porat declined to say how the party will react if Netanyahu does decide to withdraw from Hebron. What the party would most like to hear, he said, is that the press reports of an imminent withdrawal are false. But in any case, the first step is to meet with netanyanu and hear what he has to say; only then can the party decide & what it should do, he added.

A few weeks ago, the NRP presented Netanyahu with its own proposal for a modified redeployment. So far, however, it has received no response to this proposal from the prime minister.

#### Palestinian rights group calls for new trial for interrogators

A PALESTINIAN human rights group yesterday demanded a new trial for three Palestinian interrogators convicted by a secret tribunal in the beating death of a

Al Haq said the defendants did not get a fair hearing in the threehour closed-door session, and that more senior officers involved in the case should also be held

responsible. The detainee, Mahmoud Jemayel, died last week after being beaten by three interrogators from the Bahriyeh, one of several

Palestinian security services. Two of the agents were given 15 years in prison and the third was sentenced to 10 years by the so-

called State Security Court. Al Haq said it opposed the State Security Courts on principle, saying the quick closed-door sessions -some lasting as little as a few minutes -violated the defendants'

basic rights.

Al Haq said the defendants in the latest case were not represented by attorneys and have no right to appeal the verdict.

(News Agencies)

#### **GRAPES**

(Continued from Page 1) The committee is to deal with any perceived violations of the US-brokered understandings reached after Operation Grapes of Wrath. According to those understandings, the IDF and Hizbullah are banned from using or attacking civilian areas on either side of the border.

US State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said yesterday the US is "very pleased" about today's inaugural meeting. He said the US delegate to the five-nation group will be David Greenlee, an American foreign service officer. Hillel Kuttler contributed to this

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

Soldier killed in Lebanon buried St.-Sgt. Tehauhu Aslan, 20, who was killed in Lebanon on Tuesday, was buried in his village of Kafr Kama yesterday. In keeping with

Circassian custom, there was no military ceremony.

Meanwhile, the condition of Sgt. Avinoam Talmon and Cpl.

Medad Ketaifa, who are both in the Nahariya Government Hospital suffering from light wounds in the arms from shell fragments. continued to improve yesterday.

Two die in road accidents

A woman was killed, her husband seriously injured and five children moderately to seriously injured when their car was involved in a three-car collision near the Nahshon junction, near

A truck driver was killed when his vehicle overturned on Route 4, 400 meters north of the Geha junction.

Itim

Netanyahu, Meridor, and Frenkel meet Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Finance Minister Dan Meridor, and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel met last night for the third time to discuss structural changes in the economy and the inflation targets for the next four to five years. Another meeting

is scheduled for next week. The proposals on structural reforms will not be discussed by the cabinet for at least another month, said Moshe Leon, deputy director-general of the Prime Minister's Office. The ministers were originally supposed to debate the proposals last month.

Peretz wants Likud in Histadrut coalition Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz will recommend opening negotiations to add the Likud faction to the coalition. Peretz's coalition partners - Labor, Meretz, and the Joint List - strongly

oppose the move. Peretz met yesterday with Ya'acov Shamai, chairman of the Likud faction, and the two discussed the possibility of the Likud's joining the coalition. The meeting focused on the Histadrut's positions against the government's economic program and the two reached an agreement on the main issues.

Judge in Kastner trial dies at 85 Binyamin Halevy, a former Supreme Court justice and Herut MK, whose ruling in the Kastner trial in the mid-1950s caused a storm,

died yesterday in Jerusalem. He was 85.

As a Jerusalem District Court judge in 1955, Halevy rejected the government's claim that Malkiel Gruenwald had slandered Rudolph government's claim that Malkiel Gruenwald had slandered Rudolph Kastner, then a government official, in a pamphlet that claimed Kastner had collaborated with the Nazis and helped acquit a war criminal by testifying on his behalf, thus accepting Gruenwald's allegations. Halevy's decision was later overturned on appeal.

Halevy studied law in his native Germany and arrived here in 1933. He was appointed a magistrate's court judge in 1938 and a district court judge after the founding of the state. He served on the panel that presided over the Eichmann trial in 1961.

He was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1963, but resigned upon being elected to the 10th Knesset.

Soldier injured near Ramallah

A reserve soldier was lightly wounded yesterday evening when rocks were thrown at the IDF vehicle he was travelling in near Ramallah. He was treated in the field and then taken to a hospital. The IDF is investigating the incident.

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Five kessim, including (from left) Eli Venada, Baruch Mentasanot, and Baruch Messaret, conduct a hunger strike outside the Prime Minister's Office yesterday. They are demanding to receive funds promised them by the Religious Affairs Ministry and are protesting the fact that they are being forced to move to other towns, far from their communities.

### Convicted child abuser's sentence increased to five years

THE Supreme Court yesterday increased the sentence of a man convicted of child abuse from two years to five years.

The Tel Aviv District Court had convicted him of repeatedly beating his four children aged four, five, 12 and 13 in 1991 - between 1991 and 1993. He was also convicted of raping his youngest daughter (the third child).

The man appealed the conviction, charging that his ex-wife had induced the children to make up tales against him. At the same time, the state appealed against the sentence's leniency.

Justices Aharon Barak, Dalia Dorner and Dorit Beinish dismissed the argument that the man's ex-wife was the source of the children's complaints, saying there was no evidence to support it, and much to contradict it.

The only part of the appeal that was troublesome, they said, was the man's argument that there was no independent evidence to support his daughter's testimony on the rape charge -

Knesset to convene on Tuesday

policy also might be raised.

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**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon yesterday agreed to the government's

Labor and Meretz's requests to discuss the government's settlement

request for a special Knesset session during the summer recess to

discuss investment laws. Tichon said he also hopes the session,

scheduled for Tuesday, will be used to hear the transportation

minister's response to a debate last month on traffic accidents.

Sderot jeweler Shlomo Vazne, 52, was seriously wounded in the

head yesterday, when he tried to prevent a pair of thieves from

robbing his store. Police said he had been hit in the head with a

blunt object. A customer discovered him lying on the floor of his

The University of Haifa announced yesterday that it will provide

shop in a pool of blood. He was taken to Ashkelon's Barzilai

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instructor, syllabus, location, time and credit-hours. In addition,

unlike the university's printed class directory, the Internet directory

Nahman Shai, general manager of the Second Television and Radio

Authority, was confirmed yesterday for a second five-year term in a

thanked the council for its continued confidence in him. Helen Kaye

Betrothed laborer hits Lotto jackpot
A 29-year-old man from the central region arrived at the Tel Aviv

headquarters of Mifai Hapayis yesterday to claim NIS 6 million, half the top prize in this week's Lotto drawing.

The man, who is getting married in a few months, earns NIS

3.000 a month doing hard physical work. He said he would make

himself a big wedding, buy apartments for himself and for his brother, and invest the rest. He added that he did not plan to stop

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unanimous vote by the STRA Council. According to council

member Ya'acov Yona, Shai's reappointment has delighted employees, franchisees, and other management alike. Shai himself

The information can be found at the university's Internet site,

Hospital, which said he had a fractured skull.

Shai reappointed to second term

Jeweler seriously wounded by thieves

**EVELYN GORDON** 

which, by law, is needed in a case where a child victim does not take the stand herself. However, Barak and Beinish, with Domer dissenting, decided the testimony of the girl's sister and cousin as to the girl's emotional state when she told them of the event could be considered supporting evidence, even though she told them some time after the event had

Having rejected the appeal, Barak and Beinish – with Domer dissenting because she would have accepted the appeal against the rape charge - found the state's appeal against the sentence to be justified. The district court, though it expounded in its verdict on the severity of the man's behavior, did not reflect this

severity in its sentence, they said. "There is nothing that could justify acts of the shocking nature committed by the appellant against his children: Energetic blows with hands, legs, fists and sticks, which left such marks on the children that they were afraid to leave the house lest the marks be seen," Beinish wrote, responding to the defense's argument that the beatings had been meant to correct bad behavior on the children's part.

Time after time we discover that there are parents - and to our sorrow, these are not just isolated incidents - who are not aware of their most basic obligations towards their children," she continued. "They use their children as a tool for the satisfaction of their desires and appetites, and damage the children's bodies and souls, under the guidance of perverted values on the subject of how to educate them."

The justices therefore increased the sentence from two to five years, saying they would have increased it still further had it not been for the court's policy of not exercising the full severity of the law on appeal.

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Kabbalists plan mass public

prayer to 'exorcise dybbuks'

### on witch-hunt against haredim **BILL HUTMAN** and LIAT COLLINS

Benizri: A-G

THE Attorney-General's Office is carrying out a witch-hunt against the haredi and religious communities," MK Shlomo Benizri (Shas) charged yesterday, after visiting the 15-year-old haredi who has been held over two weeks for allegedly throwing stones on JerusaJem's

Rehov Bar-Ilan. "We are talking about a young boy who couldn't harm anyone," Benizri said. "How can anyone say that he is a danger to the public?"

The youth has been held since he was arrested on July 20 at a haredi demonstration. The Attorney-General's Office asked that he be held until trial, and Jerusalem Magistrate's Court

Justice Ministry spokeswoman Etty Eshed noted that the district court and High Court of Justice had rejected petitions against his

The fact is the district court ruled he must be held, on grounds that throwing stones at cars endangers the security and lives of those in the cars. In the past, other youths have also been remanded until trial on allegations of committing a similar crime, including youths younger than the suspect,

Eshed said. Benizri, who visited the youth in the Russian Compound lock-up. vowed to fight for his release through political channels.

A small group of haredim also held a short vigil outside the lock-

up yesterday.
"Irreversible psychological damage could be done to the boy if he is kept in jail," Benizri said. "Why can't the court put other restrictions on him, like forcing him to stay at his home, or ordering him not to go near Rehov Bar-Ilan? Even if he did throw the stones, he doesn't deserve to be held."

The continued detention was also criticized by Meretz leader MK Yossi Sarid, who had been asked by the youth's mother to help.

Though the allegation is serious, he said, "I don't think it is acceptable to hold a 15-year-old for such a long period of detention before his trial. It would be more reasonable to find another way of isolating the boy and preventing him from causing any more harm, but not necessarily under the condi-

tions of detention." Sarid said he hoped the courts and Attorney-General's Office would find a means of "rectifying

### Suissa calls for dismantling of Religious Affairs Ministry

THE Religious Affairs Ministry should be dismantled, Interior Minister Eli Suissa recommended yesterday, only two days after he received the Religious Affairs portfolio.

"This subject needs to be investigated, though it will arouse opposition from some political parties and rabbis and so it must be done with great sensitivity," he said.

He called for the religious councils to be placed under the Interior Ministry's control. Other responsibilities of the ministry could be handed over to the Education and Justice ministries.

He also said that the amount of influence Reform Judaism has here should be linked to the

number of adherents it has living here. "It's unfeasible that there are less than 2,000 [Reform Jews] here and that they will influence

the country as if there were 200,000 or 200 million Reform Jews here," he said.

The standing of the Conservative and Reform movements must change, he continued, adding

that "the previous religious affairs minister created unnecessary rifts" which he plans to correct. Suissa also dismissed the controversy over the Religious Affairs portfolio.

What is important is that we now must look forward and change the public image of this ministry," he said.

### Immigrants' standard of living increases faster than that of general population

THE standard of living for immigrants from the former Soviet Union has risen faster than that of the general population over the past six years, according to a A GROUP of kabbalists are to According to Rabbi Yitzhak gather next week to conduct a Batzri, his father decided to conrecently-released study by the Geocartography Institute.

The study found that the number of immigrants owning electrical household appliances has increased by approximately 270 percent over the past six years, as their overall standard of living

increased rapidly. The study also found the immi-

YOCHI DREAZEN grants' economic situation

improves the longer they stay. For example, the study found that 80 percent of those who have been here for 6 years or longer own their own homes, in contrast to 65% of the general immigrant population.

Additionally, while 50% of immigrants own cars, that number swells to 60% when talking about immigrants who have been here at least three years.

"The longer immigrants are here, the closer they approach the economic status of native Israelis." explained Geocartography spokeswoman Orna Biber. "From an economic standpoint, they're adjusting very

The study is based on studies and polls conducted by Drs. Avi and Rena Degani over the past six years. The final poll was conducted last month, with the participation of 500 immigrants over 18 who made aliyah since 1989.

#### World-class opera stars to perform here

DANIEL Oren will conduct the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and six world-class opera stars in a free program of all-time opera favorites at the Yarkon Park in Tel

Aviv on August 28. "Israeli audiences deserve the best," Oren said in introducing the program yesterday. "Opera is

magic for me and I want the public to share that." The stars are sopranos Deborah **HELEN KAYE** 

Voigt and Giusy Divinu, mezzosoprano Denyce Graves, tenor Sergei Larin, baritone Leo Nucci, and bass Ferrucio Furlanetto. They will sing the most famous arias and ensembles from operas, such as Rigoletto, Don Giovanni,

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Tosca, and La Traviata. Oren, who is currently conducting Carmen at the Arena in

Verona, is donating his services in tribute to the city of Tel Aviv, where I grew up, and to the IPO, which nurtured me."

The Tel Aviv Municipality is producing the concert, the first since 1993, at a cost of some NIS 1 million, a "large proportion" of which will be donated, said Mayor Ronni Milo, who is to emcee.

The concert will be broadcast live on radio and TV.

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#### long been conducted in private. Virology summit

opens Sunday THE 10th International Congress on Virology will open at International Jerusalem's Convention, Center on Sunday. Some 1,500 participants from 63 countries will attend. Among the topics to be discussed, in addition to AIDS, are genetic treatment of cancer, hepanitis B, polio and viral diseases that affect plants. Judy Siegel

gather next week to conduct a

mass public prayer to exorcise

"dybbuks" from people suffering

from mental and emotional prob-

lems. This will be the first time

The prayers will be conducted

on Monday in Yeshivat Hashalom

in Jerusalem, which is headed by

Rabbi David Batzri, a leading

kabbalist. The date marks me

yahrzeit of Batzri's grandfather,

Rabbi Yehuda Fetaya, who was known for his ability to heal peo-

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The rabbis, who will be fasting

that day, will blow shofars in the

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### Grozny rebels attack government posts

CHECHEN rebels surrounded Russian troops yesterday in the city center as fighting continued for a second day and government forces admitted suffering dozens of casualties in bloody street fight-

ing.
The rebels, who began a surprise offensive Tuesday on the Chechen capital, were trying yesterday to capture posts and buildings of the Russian forces and the pro-

Moscow Chechen government. Russian troops holding several checkpoints and government buildings in the city center were surrounded by the rebels. The Russian military appeared bogged down and the rebels held several parts of the city.

"The situation is critical," said Akmal Saidov, a Russian government representative in Chechnya. The coming night may be the last in the life of those who are defending the center."

Gen. Pavel Golubets, first deputy interior minister of Russia, said the rebels did not capture any government buildings. But heavy fighting overnight around the Chechen Ministry of the Interior continued yesterday, and the building was on fire.

Russian helicopter gun ships and jets fired rockets at rebel positions in central Grozny, and Russian artillery shelled the city outskirts.

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The case, disclosed by Sunday

the abortion.

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City streets were deserted as Russian and rebel forces fired at each other with mortars and automatic weapons.

Several buildings were on fire with columns of black smoke rising over the city. The Interior Ministry building ignited when it was hit by a stray missile fired from a Russian helicopter, the

Interfax news agency reported. Russian officials said 29 Russian soldiers had been killed and about 100 others wounded in the fighting. The pro-Moscow Chechen government forces said at least 13 of its police had been killed and 45

Russian officials claimed the rebels had suffered heavy losses, but gave no figures. Serge Stepashin, a senior official involved in peace efforts, said 11 rebel units had attacked the city and six had been destroyed in the

Both sides routinely exaggerate the losses inflicted on the other

Federal forces said they have lost eight helicopters and 15 armored vehicles.

The Russian army sent a column of armored vehicles toward central Grozny to try to reinforce federal

Controversial abortion of twin carried out

troops yesterday afternoon, but it stopped on the outskirts.

The attack came after the collapse of a May peace agreement and amid a continuing Russian offensive in the southern mountains. It also came just days before President Boris Yeltsin's inauguration in Moscow tomorrow for a second term.

The rebel offensive is the largest since the May peace agreement. Russian forces were also fighting yesterday to recapture parts of Argun, 15 km east of Grozny, which the rebels also attacked on

Russian military officials said the situation around Gudermes, Chechnya's second largest city 30 km east of Grozny, was quiet yesterday after reports of clashes the day before.

The rebels said the attack was led by their most prominent field commander, Shamil Basayev, Russian news reports said.

The separatist attack was reminiscent of one in March, which targeted similar facilities and left scores dead. It took Russian troops several days then to reclaim control of the city.

Such attacks on Grozny, the heart of Russia's military and political presence in Chechnya, are demoralizing for Russian troops fighting an unpopular war. (AP)



A cyclist argues with a driver on Whitehall as hundreds of anti-car campaigners added to the chaos on the streets of London during yesterday's Underground strike.

Life on Mars is no surprise

Within hours of the court action, however, Hammersmith Hospitals Trust confirmed that the woman had already had the abortion at the

Queen Charlotte Hospital. It refused to say when. Yesterday morning, attorney Hugh Lloyd told a judge that the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children was withdrawing its case "in the light of develop-

ments overnight." Sir David Steel, a lawmaker who was instrumental in passing Britain's 1967 Abortion Act, said anti-abortion groups should not contest individual cases in court.

A few private individuals had offered money to the unidentified "It is quite intolerable that outwoman if she would change her side bodies should go to the courts mind, and an anti-abortion group and say 'We, who know nothing about the case, and know nothing about the mental state of this won a temporary court order blocking the abortion.

woman and her circumstances, can second guess the doctors who do know all the background," Steel said in a BBC radio interview.

The Sunday Express had quoted Professor Phillip Bennett as saying the woman was a 28-year-old unmarried mother of one in "straitened circumstances." It quoted him as saying she wanted to have one of the twins she was carrying aborted because she could not

cope with two more children. What this has brought out is a proper anxious debate about medical ethics," Steel said.

"But I am quite satisfied, and Parliament has re-visited the Abortion Act on many occasions since 1967, and on each occasion on a cross-party majority has decided it should stand." NEWS that life might have been found in a meteorite from Mars comes as no surprise to scientists who have been studying Earth's nearest neighbor.

The finding was hailed yesterday as the greatest discovery of this century, one that could have far-reaching effects on philosophy, religion and science.

This changes our view of ourselves, it changes our view of the universe," Louis

Friedman of The Planetary Society said. Planetary scientists were unusually enthusiastic about the evidence, laboriously put

together by electron microscopic analysis of fossils dating back billions of years. Another scientist called the discovery "unequivocal." They say discoveries of hardy bacteria in underwater volcanoes kilometers below the Earth's surface and in oil wells makes it

extreme conditions. Belgian Nobel Prize-winning biologist Christian de Duve, an expert on life in the Universe, cautiously welcomed NASA's a meteorite that fell to earth in the Antarctic

clear that life can arise and survive in

News agencies HOUSTON

announced evidence of ancient, single-cell life on Mars in remains from a 13.000-year-

old meteorite. "Obviously this is extremely exciting news but I don't like to comment without having more information," he said.

"NASA has made a startling discovery that points to the possibility that a primitive form of microscopic life may have existed on Mars more than three billion years ago, NASA administrator Daniel Goldin said.

De Duve, Nobel winner in 1974 and author of Vital Dust, a book about the origins of life in the Universe, said he would not be surprised if traces of life had been found on the red planet.

NASA scientists were to announce late yesterday they had found the fossilised remains of organisms resembling bacteria in

13,000 years ago.
"I don't think that'll be too much of a surprise to other people," said Ian Wright of the Planetary Sciences Research Institute at the Open University in Milton Keynes, England.

Wright, a chemist who has studied the meteorite involved, said recent discoveries showed that Mars, with its temperatures well below freezing, thin atmosphere and con-stant ultraviolet bombardment, still would not be too inhospitable for a bacterium.

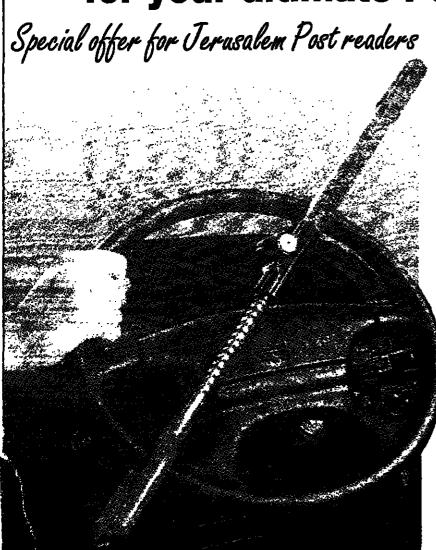
"We now find bacteria in all kinds of weird places like inside salt crystals, in 120C water, deep in the earth, in oil wells, close to radioactive materials."

Wright's studies of Martian rocks showed that, billions of years ago when life was first arising on Earth, Mars was warmer and wetter than it is now. "It was in a temperature regime that certainly would not have precluded life," he said.

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#### SA Moslems issue death threats against drug dealers

,000 armed South African Moslems yesterday warned Cape Town's drug dealers to stop dealing or risk the same fate as gang leader Rashaad Staggie, who was burned alive on Sunday.

Chanting Allahu Akbar and "Kill the merchants", supporters of the militant movement, People Against Gangsterism and Drugs (Pagad), paraded through the silent early morning streets of Town's mixed-race Silvertown district to the home of an alleged drug dealer.

Watched over by police in six armored riot-control vehicles and a fleet of smaller trucks, and with a helicopter hovering overhead shining a spotlight on the crowd, they lay prone on a road shouting death threats to drug dealers.

A Moslem theologian who asked not to be identified said the vigilantes included Islamic fighters trained in Libya before South Africa's 1994 transition to "Some of them are militant

Islamists who believe that law

CAPE TOWN (Reuter) - About and order is breaking down under majority rule," he said.

Libya's ambassador in South Africa rejected the allegations that his country was assisting

Most of the crowd, which included a handful of women, kept their faces covered and nearly all the men carried weapons ranging from an ancient chromeplated revolver to repeating shotguns and at least one automatic

A young man toting a shotgun and with his face swathed in a red shawl delivered the message over a loud hailer, saying that anyone still dealing drugs by Sunday would be killed.

"From Sunday onwards, we are going to march on the houses of the merchants and we are going to take them out

"We want no less than a gangster-free and a merchant-free society. We are calling for a just social order. All of us are prepared to make the maximum sacrifice in order to achieve that goal," he said.

#### EU says Bosnian **Croats** capitulated

MOSTAR (Reuter) - Bosnian Croats suddenly eased their recalcitrant stance on the future of Mostar when they learned Moslem rivals would be able to govern without them, European Union mediators said yesterday. "We told them that the city coun-

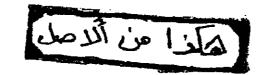
cil can meet without Croat deputies. The statute of Mostar says a mayor can be elected with consent from one-third of the present deputies of one nation," an EU official said.

"It's simple. The Croats don't show up - that means zero deputies. And one-third of zero is again zero." said the official, who asked not to be named.

The Croats were taken aback. They never read the statute properly." he said.

"When they realised that a Moslem mayor could be appointed, without them having a chance of blocking it, they started to melt."

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Many women this summer are sporting longer hairstyles, such as in these cuts by Michel Mercier and Moshe Marciano.

### Damsels in this tress: Hairdos for summer

UTTING, styling and coloring are the three essential talents which all good hairdressers must have at their fingertips; though in summer, especially a Middle Eastern summer, styling becomes significantly less important than cutting because of the frequency with which people wash

One has to be extraordinarily affluent to be able to afford a daily visit to the hairdresser. Since most people aren't, but nonetheless want to look presentable, hairdressers have had to devise cunning cuts, which are slightly on the wild side, yet easy

To achieve this takes a little more technique this year than it did in the previous few summers when many women were happy to walk around with crew cuts. The only styling required was the shape at the nape of the neck.

Many women who went in for the totally shorn look saved money by going to a barber instead of **GREER FAY CASHMAN** 

a ladies' hairdressing salon. Barbers are usually a lot cheaper, though not as inexpensive as going to hairdressing schools where one pays only token

But it takes a lot of courage to put one's tresses in the hands of a student cutter. It's irrelevant that the hair is to be completely lopped off no matter who does the job. Most of us still prefer an experienced snipper.

While there are still a few close cuts floating around this summer, the majority of women are sporting lengths that extend down below the ears and often as far as the shoulders and

Layer cutting gives the impression of a slight wave in otherwise dead straight hair, and bangs are cut in uneven lengths to allow for greater flexibility in do-it-yourself styling. Shoulderlength hair usually has a kicky upwards wave at

These simple casual styles are also worn for formal occasions, as demonstrated by two leading stylists, Michel Mercier and Moshe Marciano, whose clients include the social register of Savyon, Herzliya Pituah, Kfar Shmaryahu, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Although the two hairdressers are in competition with each other, it's interesting to see the similarities in their concepts.

The basic principle is an asymmetric cut with a side parting, a hint of a rise on the crown and bangs which can easily be swept aside.

In the shorter versions, one doesn't even need a comb for a touch-up. It works just like the Golden Pages telephone directory where your fingers do

## The post office reinvents itself

**RUTHIE BLUM** 

THEN I first came to Israel nearly two decades ago, the post office was among the many places one could go good blood-pressure skyrocket, Monstrously long lines, few clerks on duty (while those in attendance were rude and inefficient), and the public's desperate attempt to hoard asimonim (telephone tokens) stingily allotted by the clerks when price hikes were imminent, are just some examples of what went with the tortuous territory.

Today, the picture is quite different. The Postal Authority has joined the 20th century just in time for the 21st.

Services today cover the usual fare, but also include "poste restante" (enabling tourists without a fixed address to receive mail) and the selling of parking tickets at most post offices. This is preferable to buying them at kiosks, if you need a proper receipt for income tax returns.

Gifts, such as a "Touristamp" map of Israel (ornamented with an array of Israeli stamps), bar- and bat-mitzva albums, and a selection of greeting cards, are also available. For stamp collectors, the Israel Philatelic Service offers stamps and souvenirs, as well as a catalog of local stamps issued between 1948 and 1992.

But the most impressive of the services provided are those involving the payment and transfer of money.

Postal money orders from a number of countries can be sent to Israel and cashed for shekels at any post office. Eurocheques up to the equivalent of NIS 600 can be cashed at any branch as can Girocheques. (This is for people who have a postal bank account in a European coun-

All local bills, including telephone, electricity and gas, can be paid at the postal bank with no fee. Commercial banks charge for this

The self-employed, who must pay various taxes (e.g. VAT, national insurance, income tax) on the 15th of every month, can do so at the postal bank on another day via post-dated checks placed in an envelope and dropped in the appropriate box - without fees and without having to wait on line. Although one would assume that the self-employed are all aware of this option, all one has to do is peek in the window of any commercial bank on the 15th of the month to be proven wrong.

For all you parents of kids with wanderlust (or

you kids who get stuck in a far-off land without money to get home), a joint IPA/Western Union service for transferring money from a foreign country to Israel and vice versa is gaining popularity. To utilize this service, all that is required is a phone call (collect, if you're out of cash). According to the IPA marketing department, a young woman unable to return to Israel from Greece after her purse was stolen managed to get cash for airfare in minutes - leaving her time to catch a flight about to depart. Her relatives in Israel coordinated a password with her and the money was in her hands in minutes.

This service is also used frequently by Russian immigrants sending money to their families.

Currently, this service is available in dozens of countries. New countries are continually being added to the list, so inquire at the post office about which ones are included, as well as about which post-office branches here provide this service.

Another service now exclusive to the post office is the transfer of vehicle ownership. By the end of 1996, every branch will be equipped for this. In the meantime, find out which branches can perform this for you.

One final point: there is a distinction between a post-office branch (snif doar) and a postal agency (sochnut doar). The latter provides far fewer services than the former, but should charge the same price for similar services. Office hours vary from one branch to another. Main branches are usually open the entire day, as are those located in shopping malls. This, too, is something about which you should inquire.

Bezeq strikes again! Bezeq-Kat is a new service for our kids who gallivant around town while we sit home and worry. It enables kids to phone one of three pre-determined numbers (for example 1, home; 2, father's office; 3, mother's cell-phone) from any phone in Israel - without a telecard. It costs NIS 6.38 to purchase the card, and an additional NIS 6.38 for the ser-

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### Tofu: Good for you, good for the planet... But is it good?

MARK CLARFIELD

care as much about nutrition as the next doctor. Granted, we didn't learn all that much about it in medical school. Still, over the years I have picked up a few grains of seasoned understanding, have applied these liberally to my eating passed them on to my kids.

You know: 1% milk, wholewheat bread, not too much sait; my kids are allowed Honey Nut Cheerios only as a "special treat"

on Shabbat mornings. When shopping at the supermarket, I sometimes glance hurriedly at the product nutritional information labels, especially if I am considering purchasing something new. I just want to make sure that I am not going to feed my kids LSD or crushed

The other day I contemplated buying some Tofurella Light and have to admit the label was a nutritional eye-catcher.

First, the consumer is informed all over the place that only natural products abound. We are told that this is "naturally-flavored" tofu and further informed that "any fat that may be in Tofurella Light is naturally occurring and not added."

In other words, if the last bit of one of your coronary arteries gets blocked off by those few molecules of lipid floating around Tofurella Light, the com-

pany will not assume responsi-

Not only is Tofurella Light nutritionally almost perfect, it is

also politically correct. We donate 5% of our profits to groups working to save... Rain Forests," says the label. One can just imagine the vari-

ous politically correct causes. In fsrael, Tofurella Light might devote 5% of its profits to blocking the new trans-Israel highway; in Australia, to saving kangaroos; in Mexico, to preserving the sombrero industry. In the US, who knows? Perhaps to helping provide medical coverage for the 40



million Americans who don't have any. Further evidence of Tofurella

Light's concern for the envi--ronment is that "this label [the size of a postage stamp] uses recycled paper and nontoxic glue." Perhaps the package is not only biodegradable, but

NOT ODIA Tofurella Light good; they are also good business persons. If, after all is said and done, you don't like Tofurella Light (perhaps you thought you were buying jello) "your satisfaction is guaranteed!"

The interested label-readercum-tofu-eater is informed that "if for any reason you are dissatisfied with Tofurella Light, please send us the wrapper and a note explaining the problem. We will gladly refund your money, no matter what."

Very impressive, but will they accept any reason? What if I don't like the taste, what if I don't like rain forests, what if I dropped my Tofurella Light on the floor? My guess is that they would refund your money, no matter what.

So did I taste Tofurella Light? I did, and it's not all that bad, especially when smothered with maple syrup, slathered with a dollop of fresh cream and accompanied by both an unfiltered Camel cigarette and a stiff shot of Canadian Club.

### Roll over rollerblades, here comes the kickbike

Frunning makes your knees hurt, biking makes your seat

cles of 100 years ago, kickbikes have become a common sight on Helsinki's streets.

It's a design that could hardly be

to the bottom of the frame and to the rear wheel's fork. The rider stands on the footboard and propround

do benefit from the stripped-down cycle's light weight - 7.5 kilograms, about half the weight of a regular bicycle - and can average about 32 kph.

resist a test ride when he passed inventor Hannu Vierikko's yard, where several kickbikes were on display.

A couple of keen kickbikers,

years of riding a kicksled, which looks like a chair on two long runners. The user stands on the runners holding the back of the chair and pushes it along by kicking the ice or snow. Kicksleds are used in Nordic country towns and villages where roads are not sanded.

used in kicksledding," said Vierikko, a 32-year-old medical student whose invention has interrupted his studies. "I suffered problems with my knees while biking, but with a kickbike they disappeared because there's much

Undaunted, he contracted with a Taiwanese company to make kickbikes. Commercial production began this year, with about 1.200 kickbikes shipped to Finland and 800 to dealers in 16 other countries, including the United States. They retail for

Vierikko said. "But wherever we display it and give people a go, they go crazy and want to buy

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pels the bike by kicking the Riders don't have the help of a conventional bicycle's gears, but

"It's so light and fast," said Markku Naisko, 65, who couldn't

who traveled 2,400 km from Helsinki to Venice, Italy, last month, hit speeds exceeding 80 kph on downhills in the Alps. A front-wheel brake is standard "I wanted to copy the movement

less pressure on your legs."

Vierikko approached Finnish bike makers in the late 1980s with several frame designs and finally got a prototype produced in 1992. But Finnish retailers "rolled their eyes and thought we were crazy,"

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### Undiplomatic treatment

OREIGN Minister David Levy has caught more than a diplomatic cold. His pointed absence from two key ministerial meetings yesterday raises the temperature of his dispute with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to the point at which it begins to endanger the smooth running of the government - not that it has been running particularly smoothly since its embarrassing swearing-in ceremony, highlighted by another Levy boycott, almost two months ago.

The foreign minister, and by extension, the ministry itself, is barely functioning, as The Jerusalem Post's diplomatic correspondent David Makovsky reported yesterday. Levy has refused to meet visiting US officials and, due the lack of substantive consultations in the ministry's top echelons, questions from foreign governments are left unanswered. Foreign Ministry experts, meanwhile, are ignored by the Prime Minister's Office, which prefers to make its own policy.

But bitter disputes between premiers and their foreign ministers are an Israeli tradition, dating back to the days of David Ben-Gurion and Moshe Sharett. Relations between Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres when the previous government took office were hardly less loaded than those between Netanyahu and Levy. The arguments generally center around areas of authority - the foreign minister complains that the prime minister is excluding him from domains that should be the foreign minister's preserve.

This is certainly one aspect of the Levy-Netanyahu imbrogolio, and the prime minister has been anything but subtle. Netanyahu has repeatedly bypassed the foreign minister and his staff. Dr. Dore Gold, the premier's foreign policy adviser,

was sent to Washington to brief the Clinton administration on the government's decision to cancel the settlement freeze; no Foreign Ministry representative was invited to last week's meeting with King Hussein in Amman; and Levy seems unlikely to be put in charge of the steering committee on negoti-ating with the Palestinians. To ram the point home. Netanyahu on Tuesday granted interviews to both television channels in which he insisted that he, and he alone, would decide the direction of the country's foreign policy.

Even the most self-deprecating of foreign ministers would find it hard not to feel insulted, and David Levy is not known for having a low self-image. His sulks following real and imagined slights are legendary. During his last tenure as foreign minister, he threatened to resign after then-premier Yitzhak Shamir decided to head Israel's delegation to the Madrid conference. An unhappy Levy chose to not travel to the conference, and was forced to watch Netanyahu, who was then his deputy at the Foreign Ministry, steal the media limelight.

If one adds to all this the appalling personal relations between the two men - a convenient elec-tion-eve "kiss-and-make-up" declaration fooled no one - one has to question Netanyahu's judgment in his handling of Levy. During the government's formation and the argument over a ministerial portfolio for Ariel Sharon, Levy gave Netanyahu an early reminder of the trouble he can cause. At the time, Netanyahu chose not to call Levy's bluff, preferring coalition unity to a calmer cabinet. But if Levy is there only on sufferance, then the prime minister should at least give him a bone to chew on. The alternative is to have the foreign minister constantly snapping at his heels.

### A Turkish sweetener

URKEY's newly established government has drawn unusual attention in diplomatic corridors and financial capitals across the West, due to its unique coalition of Prime Minister's Necmettin Erbakan's Islamists and Foreign Minister Tensu Ciller's secularists.

At stake is not only the fate of Kamel Ataturk's cultural revolution, which two generations ago shaped post-Ottoman Turkey's staunchly pro-Western outlook, but the much more global issue of Islam's relations with the rest of mankind.

In Israel concern over Turkey's future is even more acute. For one thing, the change of power in a comprehensive military pact. Even more importantly, a Turkish retreat from Western frameworks might signal a landmark deterioration toward a neo-Medieval world order, in which crescent and cross are perceived as inherent antagonists.

For Israel, the prevention of such a scenario is an obvious strategic goal.

It is against this sensitive backdrop that financial decision-makers in Tel Aviv, and political ones in Jerusalem, are grappling these days with how to provide a \$457 million loan to the Turkish army, to

finance a deal for the upgrading of Phantom fighter

Turkey's precarious economic situation - which feeds Islamic disgruntlement - makes such loans even more risky than the political context in which they are bound to be extended.

Yet Israel must nurture its ties with Turkey, not only because of its strategic importance, but because a good rapport between Jerusalem and an Islamist-led Ankara could contribute to the pragmatization of Islamic leaderships elsewhere. Extensive economic ties between Israel and Turkey can serve as proof that there is no theological or political imperative for Moslems to per-ceive Israel as a rival, let alone a Satan.

Similarly, Westerners should question the wisdom of knee-jerk anti-Islamist attitudes.But Moslem parties must be given the chance to evolve in that direction.

Naturally, Israeli bankers should not take such national or ideological considerations into account as they weigh the financial prudence of these loans. But the government should. Its intention to directly transfer funds from the Treasury for the loans required by this deal is, therefore, the sound political reply to the banks' equally sound reluctance to shoulder the financial burden.



# 'Jane's' nasty dig

"ANE'S of London has a reputation for being "widely respected" as an authoritative source of international military and intelligence. All the more reason to be surprised at the major bloomer in its latest Sentinel publication, where it claims Israeli operatives are even now secretly

spying in the US.
This isn't so much a "mistake"

as an outright lie. Perhaps Jane's was misled by some "mole" in Israel who is feeding it with classified defense information, much as Mordechai Vanunu tried to do when he demanded a fortune from the London Sunday Times for betraying secrets of the Dimona atomic center in the Negev.

It is also possible that the "Israeli spy" canard was leaked to Jane's by the section of the CIA that is known to be hostile to everything connected with the Jewish state. Or perhaps it was all a "plant" by British intelligence, jealous of the increasingly friendly links between US and Israeli security agencies.

Whatever, the source of the "spy" leak is irrelevant. What is important is that Jane's didn't check the information as it ought to have done if it cares about its authoritative image. Its failure to do so in this instance has caused Israel immense harm. The "spy allegation, if given credence, could well sour our relations with the US.

There has been no Israeli intelligence activity in the US since November 1985, when Shimon Peres, then prime minister in the national unity government, was challenged by secretary George Shultz about the activities of US naval analyst Jonathan Pollard, who had just been arrested for spying for Israel.

Peres claimed he knew nothing about what Pollard had done, adding that it was nothing more than a "rogue operation" - a statement no professional intelligence officer would believe for a second. Peres promised there would be no more Israeli intelligence operations in the US.

Without consulting military or security officials, Peres gave in to Shultz's insistence that the docu-

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ments supplied by Pollard be returned to the US.

This was a huge blunder, since without these documents the US had no case against Pollard. Government ministers pointed out that Peres should have apologized profusely to Shultz but stopped short of returning documents

The 'authoritative' military and intelligence report is wide of the mark this time

which would damn Pollard. And they did damn him. The documents enabled anti-Israel defense secretary Caspar Weinberger to pressure the trial judge to send Pollard to prison for life.

Peres went even further without being asked. Not discussing the matter with his experts he promised to dismantle Lekem, the Scientific Affairs Liaison Bureau that controlled Pollard directly from the Prime Minister's Office. The unit was immediately disbanded and never reformed.

The move was regarded with constemation, since the unit was an efficient one and could have been used to carry out operations in countries hostile to Israel. The Sentinel report is particu-

larly damaging at a time of increased pressure to free Pollard. Perhaps Jane's was unaware that its inaccuracy played right into the hands of those elements in the US administration who are determined to ensure Pollard is never released. Jane's might think twice in the future and resolve to act more responsibly regarding "revelations" about Israel's military and intelligence "secrets."

IF PROOF were needed to demonstrate the growing trust between Israeli and US security services it was supplied by

President Clinton's announcement earlier this week that the FBI will open an office in Tel Aviv to coordinate its campaign against terrorism directed and sponsored by Iran, Syria, Iraq and Libya.

There is a deeper significance to this than may at first appear.

Up to now the FBL, which deals with internal American concerns. has relied on the CIA to pass on requests for information to Israel. However there is a growing suspicion in the FBI that the CIA isn't acting as a disinterested broker in such dealings. Its chiefs are under intense pressure to solve the blowing up of US personnel at Dhahran in Saudi Arabia, as well as the recent destruction of TWA Flight 800 shortly after takeoff from New York.

In particular the agency needs its own officers to glean as much information as possible about Hassin Makdad, the Lebaneseborn and Iranian-trained human "flying bomb" who blew himself up in the Lawrence Hotel in East Jerusalem on April 12.

Though the information about the training of others like Makdad by the Iranians was sent to US intelligence agencies and airlines, as well as to other countries - as we revealed in our column two weeks ago - the penny has finally dropped at FBI headquarters that closer intelligence cooperation between the US and Israel would be of mutual benefit.

US intelligence is well aware, after all, that Israelis have more bitter experience than anyone else of the growing danger of Iranian. Syrian, Iraqi and Libyan terror-

With the US-Israel relationship in the field flourishing it may be time for the American administration and its security organs to reexamine the great injustice done

to Jonathan Pollard. After 11 years of tormenting the man, it is time compassion replaced the miserable vindictiveness of those who have buried him alive.

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East.

## Who suffers?

Mathe Waller

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HEN there is an incident of international ism, US lawmakers' immediate reaction is to enact new regulations that further erode the liberties of US citizens rather than those of terrorists. Simultaneously. American travelers appear on the world media saying they will gladly accommodate new inconveniences and costs brought about by conditions of terror.

Just think: All terrorists have to do to cause more inconvenience and higher costs for Americans is carry out more terrorist attacks. It's that simple.

One day after the tragedy of TWA Flight 800, an organization called the Islamic Change Movement claimed responsibility for the bombing of the airliner. The statement was clear: "We carried out our promise with the plane attack of yesterday."

That should be enough. That organization's headquarters and training centers should be taken off the map. Their location is

But what if they lied? What if they had nothing to do with the bombing of TWA Flight 800 other than to take responsibility for something of which they were not guilty?

Too bad. They publicly announced they were responsible, and in retaliation for such a claim, if not for the crime itself, they should be severely punished. Nothing will be lost except a base of terrorism.

What should the US do if no organization takes responsibility for an act it knows is a perpetration of international terrorism? It should bomb any of the terrorist headquarters, training centers and safe houses scattered throughout seven terrorist states whose governments allow and encourage such facilities to be harbored within their borders.

JUST BEFORE the June 25 terrorist attack near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, that killed 19 US servicemen, there was a conference in Tehran of what is called the International Hizbullah, It reviewed proposals from various participating terrorist organizations for action against US interests and targets. The participants selected what they considered appropriate targets and those proposals were submitted to Iran's chief of external intelligence.

Mehdi Chamran. Committee members included Usami bin Ladin, who is the main financier of terrorism in Saudi Arabia, and Ahmed Salah, who represents those who invoke terrorist attacks in Egypt. The conference decided that International Hizbullah should escalate and

The US must erode the liberties of terrorists and their sponsors, not of its own citizens

expand terrorist attacks against US interests worldwide.

On July 20, after the bombings of Dhahran and TWA Flight 800, there was a followup conference of International Hizbullah in which the Islamic Change Movement was singled out for its recent "achievements." Further terrorist attacks against US interests were discussed.

What has the US done? All kinds of ideas have been advanced to inconvenience and burden Americans. And while Americans praise themselves for acts of nonpartisanship, those within the terrorist network praise themselves for causing nonpartisan hardships to American citizens.

Only swift, sure and severe retaliation to terrorism itself can

To avoid a constitutional argument and debate regarding the War Powers Resolution, the president should ask Congress for a declaration of war against terrorism. This would mean the US's right to attack terrorist targets as retaliation for attacks against US

It would not be a declaration of war against the seven nations that harbor terrorist bases - Iran, Iraq. Libya, Syria, Sudan, Cuba and North Korea - but a declaration of war against the bases of terrorism within those and other countries.

And if this puts a terrorist orga-nization at risk of US retaliation even though it may not have committed a particular act in question? It has a recourse - to get out of the terrorism business.

And if a government says it had nothing to do with a particular act. that government's only recourse to avoid risk is to disallow such terrorist bases within its borders.

It is the liberties of terrorists and those who sponsor them that should be eroded, not Americans'.

(Los Angeles Times)

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ROAD SAFETY THE KABBALA

**PROGRAMS** Sir, - While Elihu D. Richter's anger is quite properly directed at the horrible pace of fatal and near-

fatal accidents on our roads (Letters, July 26), his solution of installing hidden cameras is unacceptable. Hidden cameras might cause drivers to slow down, but the implementation is not without a civil rights problem. The law works like this: if you are caught speeding by the camera, some six months to one year later you receive a summons to appear in court. The assumption is that you, as the owner of the car, were speeding. You must prove that it was to you in order to beat the

charge. How many of us can prove who was driving our car on a certain date last year? How can we defend ourselves? Where is the due process? How can we be presumed guilty and have to prove our innocence?

Albeit noble, Dr. Richter's hidden-camera solution transgresses civil rights and, hence, cannot be accepted. I encourage Dr. Richter to continue to fight the plague of bad driving, but within acceptable norms of civil rights. The hidden camera gives too much power to the police and judicial system.

CHAIM FORST

**NEGATIVE APPROACH** Sir, - On July 24, Mabat new showed new recruits being drafted into the army. It was a pleasure to see our young boys changing from schoolboys to soldiers and 80 per-

cent of their volunteering for fight-

ing units. However, it was disappointing that the only parent interviewed by our TV reporter was a man who said: "Many of these boys feel that they are freiers for joining the army." They did not even show one of the proud parents of the 80 percent who volunteered to join the

fighting units. H. JAEGERMANN Tel Aviv.

Sir, - It was depressing reading your article of July 21, "Away from the gurus, back to the rabbis." It is incredible that people go to India for "peace," "mean-"spirituality," "peace," "meaning" - to a place like Calcutta, where people live and die like flies.

And now, the article tells us, one does not need to go to India, because in the Kabbala, one finds the same high "spirituality" in Judaism. The Kabbala has been mainly one of the most primitive and superstitious phenomena in Judaism. It has been at the base of such revolting events as the false-messiah movement of Shabtai Zvi and up to the recent "blessings" of our oldest kabbalist, Rabbi Kaduri, in the last elections.

Judaism has always been essentially a rational religion, and has had little patience with occult mystical doctrines. Mainstream Judaism has fixed its view on this world of here and now, and has sought to make it a better world, - tikkun olam. Those young Jewish seekers of "peace" and "meaning" could find fulfillment if they put their energies to improving this world. But, it seems, they are too lazy and afraid to do this, and they seek a trance-like "spirituality," a thing which requires no effort on their part.

JORAM EGEL Tel Aviv.

MARCUS KLINGBERG Sir, - I fail to understand this business with convicted spy Marcus Klingberg. The state keeps objecting to any leniency regarding parole or leave from prison on the grounds that he still possesses information

which could seriously damage state But Klingberg was not sentenced to life imprisonment. In another three or four years he will be released. Then what? He will still have that same information. Will the state then resort to administrative

detention?

ISRAEL PICKHOLTZ Elazar.

COMPENSATION FOR US HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS

Sir, - I received a letter from the Embassy of the United States which advised me that in September 1995. the US and Germany concluded an agreement to compensate certain US citizen Holocaust survivors. Compensation is limited to victims who were US citizens at the time they suffered Nazi persecution and were interned in concentration camps or

under comparable conditions. The agreement excludes compensation for those who were subjected to forced labor only and for those who have previously received compensation from Germany. Any person wishing to file a claim must request and complete an official claim form which must be submitted no later than September 30, 1996.

For further information and claim forms, contact David E. Bradley, Chief Counsel, Claims Settlement Commission of the United States. US Department of Justice, 600 E Street, N.W., Suite 6002, Washington D.C. 20579. Telephone (202) 616-6975, fax (202) 616-6993.

EDWARD ELIYAHU WEINSTEIN. Country Chairman, Republicans Abroad Israel

SHAMEFUL BEHAVIOR

Sir. - I will never understand the haredi psyche. If their goal is to be the most abhorred segment of Israeli society, to be looked upon with disgust and disdain, then attacking women, throwing stones on Shabbat and continued violence will certainly accomplish this.

But if they ever hope to gain respect and understanding of their needs or to persuade those who might want to consider adopting a more pious way of life, they had better stop their hooliganism.

The haredi community should be ashamed of this unreligious behavior and the rabbis who condone it. even more so.

ELAINE KALLET Jerusalem.

**POSTSCRIPTS** 

A BELJING nightclub called "Pirate Ship' is among 2,000 Chinese businesses ordered to change their names in a campaign against "harmful cultural con-

"Names containing vulgar, feudalistic, bizarre and absurd content and Western-sounding color must be banned," the official China Daily quoted an unidentified government official as

It wasn't clear whether only names taken from Western languages were targeted. But the newspaper said nearly 36 percent of trademarks registered by Chinese companies include Westernsounding names.

It said many were trying to take advantage of the "prejudice of status-conscious people" who prefer Western goods.

The government has reviewed about 20,000 names of nightclubs, stores, restaurants and other businesses this year.

An entertainment center in Wuhan was forced to drop the name Formosa, the 17th century Spanish name for Taiwan, because it "harmed the national interest and dignity."

Wuhan's Haidaochuan nightclub - whose name means "pirate ship" in Chinese - was forced to become the "Island Ship." AMERICANS MAY be slightly

more honest than Europeans, but Scandinavians are the most upstanding of all, according to a novel study released by Reader's Digest.

The magazine planted 200 wallets containing \$50 in streets, shops and other public areas across Europe and watched to see what happened when they were

discovered by passers-by. The magazine reports 116 of the wallets - 58 percent - were returned to their "owners." A similar study conducted last

year in the US found 67 percent of wallets were returned. The magazine cautioned the study of only 20 cities was far too limited to be statistically reliable. Some cases resulted in "brazen theft," others in "refreshing hou-

esty," the magazine said.

Each wallet contained a name; address, phone number, family snapshots and the local equivalent of \$50. In Oslo and Odense, Den-

mark, all wallets were returned. No US city rated that high. The worst results came in Weimar, eastern Germany, and Lausanne. Only two wallets were given back in each place.

The study also found that poor people, the young and immigrants were at least as likely to return the wallets as the rich, old and long-established. "The people who looked like

they needed the money the most were often the least likely to keep the wallets, while the more affluent-appearing were less honest," the magazine said.

OUOTE OF the week: Louis Farrakhan, antisemitic leader of the Nation of Islam, told interviewer Henry Louis Gates, Jr., in

New Yorker magazine, that he 'may be descended from Sephardic Jewish West Indian planters."

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD Elmer Ja-

vier Licona missed his mother so much that he set out from his Honduras home with no money on a 3,200-km trek to find her in California. He had no address, but knew that his mother, Martha Serrana,

had headed north five months earlier to find work and believed she was living illegally in the Los Angeles area. He didn't reach her. But he did manage to hitchhike more than

1,600 km and cross two national borders before officials found him in Guadalajara, Mexico. Elmer persuaded drivers to give him rides and food; at the Guadalajara airport he slipped

past guards and asked pilots of small planes for a lift. Immigration officials at the airport spotted the boy and gave him food, candy and a Mickey Mouse watch before turning him

over to a shelter. The boy told immigration officials that if he could not continue his trip to see his mother, he would like to stay in Guadalajara. He said he knew how to fix bicycles and asked permission to learn to type so that he could help

at the immigration office. However, the odyssey apparently ended when the Honduras government insisted Elmer be returned, and the US declined to issue him a visa because of legal

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EAR Ruthie, A few months ago, my wife and I separated. I suspected she was having an affair, though she denied it. After moving out of our house, I was happy to see that my father continued to visit my two children frequently. (When my mother died some years ago, he had a hard time dealing with the loneliness, so I was worried that my separation

would be a big blow to him.) Last week, I got the shock of my life when my wife told me she wants a divorce so she can marry my father! How can I respond to this? None of us has told the chil-

Dumbfounded Husband/Son

Somewhere in Israel Dear Dumbfounded. I suggest all three of you see a family therapist before mentioning anything to the children. Having a grandfather turn into a stepfather overnight is no small trauma, and should be treated with extreme delicacy. Furthermore, counseling might lead to all kinds of discoveries, perhaps, even, to a conclusion that this second

marriage is not a good idea. Perhaps, for example, your father's newfound sense of purpose which has helped him conquer some of the loneliness he suffered became misplaced romance. Or maybe he has always been in competition with you in some way - and this is a current manifestation of it. Your wife's part in the triangle, too, must be examined. As must your own.

Dear Ruthie,

I have a terrible dilemma. My daughter attends the same high school as the daughter of my closest friend. Recently, my daughter has been telling me worrisome stories about my friend's daughter relating to sexual promiscuity and drugs. My friend clearly has no idea what her daughter is up to, since she raves about how well-adjusted she is all the time. Should I tell my friend what I've heard, or keep quiet, even though doing so might have serious consequences?

Words to Mum or Mums the Word Dan Region

Dear Bummed Out Mum. If your motive in becoming the bearer of bad tidings is to put your friend in her place where comparative daughter-boasting is concerned, resist the temptation. In the first place, your daughter might not be getting her facts completely straight – for reasons of her own. Secondly, as such a messenger, you are apt to find yourself the victim of a proverbial murder plot.

If, on the other hand, genuine concern for the welfare of a young girl is at the core of your dilemma, you should proceed with caution. Blurting out such difficult news will accomplish little. What you can do is wait for an opportunity to arise while conversing with your friend about the difficulties involved in raising teenagers. Then you could mention similar rumors about close consorts of your friend's daughter - as a way of planting a seed of consciousness in her mind. How your friend tends to this seed in the long run is up.

Letters should be addressed to: "Dear Ruthie," POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. For editors@jpost.co.il

The advent of sex education in the Palestinian community

LAUREN BLANKSTEIN

THEN Safa Tamish flew to Tunisia recently, a customs V official, scrutinizing her Israeli passport, asked her occupa-

"Sex educator," she answered. He did not believe her - an Arab woman with such a profession? It was not possible. She argued with him, explaining that she was on her way to hold a series of workshops on sexuality with youths from 14 Arab countries. He was not convinced. In the space allocated for occupation be wrote: secretary.

Although people may be reluctant to accept it at first, to Tamish's surprise, the normally conservative Arab society has reacted positively, and in many instances has embraced her work. "I've never had any problems," she says. "Never did any participant leave the room, and I've never had any confrontations."

Tamish, 31, is a pioneer in her field, paving the way in Arab society for greater openness and awareness about human sexuality. No one she knows of in the Arab world has actually dealt with "grass roots" research in the area of sexuality, or has spoken frankly with people about the sub-

In the Arab community, says Tamish, sex "is a secret that everybody knows about but never talks about in public." Because of this, there are many misconceptions. In Arab high schools, the reproductive system is included in the biology course curriculum. However, teachers refuse to teach it. "The teacher will say to study it on your own and that there will not be questions about it on the exam," she says.

At home, parents often tell their children that they bought them at the market rather than explain the details of intercourse. To make matters worse, even doctors are spouting untruths to prevent young women from having sex before marriage, an act that can cause a woman to be shunned from the community and, in some drastic cases, can threaten her life. Tamish laments that many Arab gynecologists tell their patients that the birth-control pill will make them

Growing up in Acre, Tamish received no sex education and discussion of the topic at home was forbidden. After completing her nursing degree at the Hebrew University she worked as a nurse in a high school near Acre. At the time, a 12-year-old student was discovered to be eight months pregnant after she was unknowingly gang raped (the boys had told her they were just playing, and because she knew noming sex, she believed them).



As a sex educator born in Acre, Safa Tamish is an anomaly in the traditional Arab society.

It was as a result of this tragic incident that Tamish recognized the need for sex education. However, she had only the limited knowledge acquired from two basic human sexuality lessons in her nursing courses. Because a degree in this subject is not offered in or around Israel, she moved to New York for three years where she completed her master's degree in human sexuality at New York University.

For the past three years, Tamish, a Palestinian who now lives in Ramallah with her husband and daughter (she is expecting a second child in October), has been traveling out the West Bank, Gaza and occasionally to Arab villages inside sex-abuse cases has risen over the of workshops for youth slated

the Green Line, conducting workshops for both men and women.

Her classes are open arenas for normally taboo subjects. "We discuss sexual differences, homosexuality. and how they perceive themselves as women or men," she explains. They ask a lot of questions about intercourse, masturbation and how to pre-

vent pregnancy. The issue of sexual abuse, she says, is of grave concern and has come up in almost every one of the 60 workshops she's held. Although there are no official statistics, she does not think that the rates are any worse than in countries like the US. However, the number of reported last few years.

We have no counselors and no sex therapists, and we don't know how to deal with them," she says. "Sometimes men cannot perform sexually and they need intervention and they don't know where to turn." Fearing backlash from the commu-

nity, Arab agencies and organizations tend to avoid implementing programs or services which deal with sex-related issues. But finally, this is beginning to change. According to Tamish, people who work at the Palestinian Authority's Ministry of Youth have included sex education in their recreational programs.

As well, in east Jerusalem, a series

September, will focus on sexuality. This is a much needed service, says Joanne Zack-Pakes, director of Shilo, a planned-parenthood organization in West Jerusalem. Shilo joined forces with the Department of Youths in east Jerusalem to implement the program. She explains that unlike the Israeli school system which has mandatory sex-education classes, including programs for Arab adolescents in northern Israel, nothing has been done in east Jerusalem to educate young people about sex. Sometime within the next two years, she says, the program will expand to include sessions for young married women.

Tamish is also helping to rectify another problem - the absence of data and statistics regarding Arab sexuality or sex-related issues and trends. She has developed a questionnaire, composed of queries that have come up in her workshops. They will be distributed to more than 1,000 students at four Palestinian

universities next spring.

To call her the Dr. Ruth Westheimer of the Arab world is tempting, but the comparison does not do her justice. Like Dr. Ruth, she has brought the subject of sex out of the proverbial closet. It is not yet acceptable dinner conversation, but Tamish, perhaps aided by her modest, gentle demeanor, has managed to make her community aware of the necessity of discussions about sex and gender roles.

"Sometimes they come to the workshop because they expect me to talk about how to talk to their children." They realize that their children are going to do "it" anyway, whether they like it or not, she explains.

But unlike America's sex-savvy grandma, Tamish is a product of a sexually repressed society and has had to face a more rigid populace.

Tamish discovered that she would face less resistance if she worked with the adults first before trying to enforce sex education on their children. "If I go to the school to teach the children and then they return home and repeat what they have learned, the parents will not accept

"In the beginning, I thought I should enforce sex-education curricula in schools at an early age because it would affect their attitudes," she says. "And then I realized that I should calm down and start from the beginning."

She has also learned to be sensitive to the issue of religion. "Sometimes they [religious Moslems] say 'Well this is not mentioned in the Koran, and I say 'Well, you know the Koran and religion better than I, but we're not discussing religion, we're dis-

## Before you step into a British pub - remember the etiquette

OREIGN visitors to Britain's pubs are so baffled by the unwritten laws of bar etiquette that brewers have published a guidebook on the do's and don'ts of round-buying,

darts and chatting up the opposite sex. Tourists find the art of buying a drink, often involving bizarre silent rituals, one of the hardest things to get right, the Brewers and Licensed Retailers Association says.

There are strict rules of etiquette involved in attracting the attention of bar staff. The ritual procedure is best described as a sort of subtle pantomime," says author and anthropologist Kate

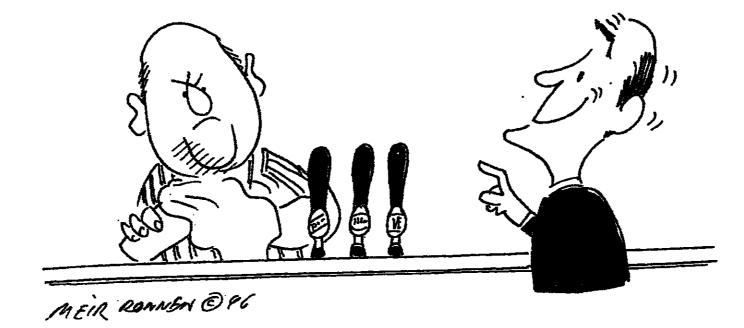
"When you achieve your goal of making eye contact with the barman, a quick lift of the eyebrows and upward jerk of the chin, accompanied by a hopeful smile, will let him know that you are waiting," says Fox in her guide, Passport to the

There are certain things no tourist should try if he wants to remain friends with the natives. You shouldn't jump the invisible queue, call out, snap your fingers or glare at the barstaff. Don't ring the bell - often attached to the wall at the end of the bar - because this is used by the publican or bar staff to signal last orders.

Last orders are called when there are 10 minutes left before the pub closes. Most of the tourists interviewed for the book found the whole pub experience bewildering.

One Dutch visitor expressed the views of many: "I cannot understand how the British ever manage to buy themselves a drink."

Many visitors drop into a pub searching for the "real Britain," perhaps brought up on tales of wizened locals leaning on crooks with a faithful dog at their feet, oak floorboards warped with age and the leisurely tick-tock of a grandfather



clock accompanying the clack-clack of a game of

That sort of country bar is hard to find nowadays but the pub remains a central part of British life and culture. "If you haven't been to a pub,

you haven't seen Britain," says Fox. Pub-going is by far the country's most popular pastime - the 61,000 pubs in Britain have over 25 million loyal customers. More than three-quarters of the adult population go to pubs and onethird are regulars, visiting the pub at least once a

If a foreigner becomes a regular he must remember life was not meant to be fair when it comes to buying rounds of drinks. Fox says you should not expect strict justice in the round-buying ritual. One person may end up buying two rounds in a "session" while others have bought only one round each.

"Over several 'sessions' rough equality is usually achieved, but it is bad manners to appear

overly concerned about this," Fox says. She gives other helpful hints on: How to order a drink. "One of the saddest sights of the British summer is the group of thirsty tourists sitting at a table in a pub, patient-

ly waiting for someone to come and take their order." The mysteries of pub grub. "A Japanese couple looked at the bar-snacks menu and ordered five

snacks each, thinking they must be the British equivalent of a tiny sushi-bar portion." Five plates of fish and chips go a long way. Making contact with the natives. "Don't ever

introduce yourself. The 'Hi, I'm Chuck from Alabama' approach does not go down well in British pubs. Natives will cringe and squirm with embarrassment at such brashness."

Pub talk. "If you are the sort of person who likes conversation to proceed in an orderly manner, you will find the rambling, haphazard, free-association type of pub talk very frustrat-

Women should also bear in mind that "if you accept the offer of a drink from a native (male or female), etiquette requires you to chat with them for at least as long as it takes to consume the

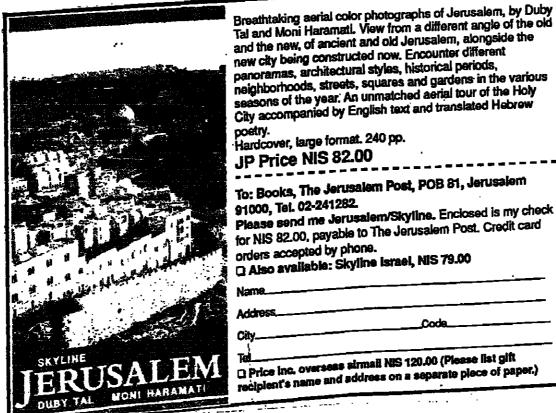
"So, if you feel at all uncomfortable with someone, do not accept the offer. Do remember however, that the offer is not, in itself, a sexual invimation," Fox says.

But perhaps the most important piece of advice is for men, who still make up the majority of pub regulars.

The most important male-bonding ritual is the argument. If you want to get closer to your native male companions, do not attempt a heart-to-heart conversation. Instead, start an argument. If it gets ( a bit heated, buy a round."

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Thursday, August 8, 1996

### GE considers running Israeli power stations

**DAVID HARRIS** 

GENERAL Electric's (GE) power generation business said last night it would seriously consider maintaining and operating private power sta-tions here if Israel Electric Company (IEC) were demonopo-

GE, one of the world's ten largest industrial companies, announced yesterday it has opened a Tel Aviv office which will seek to enhance business interests here and throughout the region.

While GE's power business primarily sells and services equipment, it does maintain and operate 11 power installations worldwide, according to spokesman Joe

"Yes, we have developed opportunities, and we would look to participate in independent power projects, though no such specific opportunities currently exist in Israel," he motors, and medical systems.

No private power generating stations exist here due to the monopoly of the state-owned IEC.

While senior government sources admit there would be little benefit in privatizing IEC as long as it remains a monopoly, there are growing signs at the Prime Minister's Office and at the Treasury that the industry will be opened to competition.

GE's national executive in Israel, James Fitzgibbons, previously served as GE Power Systems regional sales director for Africa and the eastern Mediterranean area.

GE's average annual sales here are \$150 million, and the company ing the opening of the new office.

hopes to increase the figure follow-GE's wide range of activities include aircraft engines, financial services, broadcasting, electric

### **Insurance leaders** accused of price-fixing won't lose jobs

THE managers of eight insurance companies accused of price-fixing will most likely continue in their positions, even though a plea agreement reached between the firms and the prosecution includes suspended prison terms, a

Treasury source said yesterday. Earlier this week, insurers Migdal, Clai Insurance, Phoenix, Hamagen, and Sahar told the attorney-general they agree to the plea bargain conditions for the

The plea bargain will be submit-

ted to the court next week. According to the source, Supervisor of Insurance Doron Sorer will receive recommendations from the attorney-general and review the Insurance Business Law before deciding whether the managers can continue in their.

RAFAEL and Lockheed Martin

have set up a joint venture to market

the air-to-surface POPEYE missile

and the nearly identical, US-made

Local officials believe Rafael's

teaming up with the American firm will help boost sales. The joint ven-

ture will be managed by PGSUS

(Precision Guided Systems US), and

The announcement was made at a

signing ceremony held at Rafael's

Givatayim offices yesterday.

According to the agreement, the two firms will each hold 50 percent inter-

"This agreement gives real sub-

stance-to our growing relationship

with Rafael, the company that devel-

oped this exceptional standoff,

will be based in Orlando, Florida.

AGM-142 missile.

est in PGSUS.

**GALIT LIPKIS BECK** 

Attorney-General Michael Ben Yair, according to the source, believes the managers' confessions and their suspended prison terms are not dishonorable or a violation of the insurance law.

Those accused include Migdal general manager Uzi Levy, Clal Insurance general manager Rimon Ben-Shaul, and Phoenix manager Itamar Borovich.

Based on the 1991-1992 cartel arrangement, the managers fixed premiums and other price components on automobile and property insurance policies and on agents'

Zion and Menorah, two of the three other firms which will be indicted, are expected to join the plea agreement in a few days. A charge sheet will be filed against Generali.

Rafael to sell Popeye missile

jointly with Lockheed Martin

Ayalon, which has objected to the proposed agreement.

According to the agreement, the accused managers will confess to clauses included in the draft indictment and be charged with a suspended prison sentence of up to two years. In addition, the companies agreed to maximum fines of NIS 6 million for each large firm and NIS 3m. for each small firm.The managers will be

charged with fines ranging from NIS 150,000 to NIS 300,000. Meanwhile, a source close to the Assicurazioni Generali group said yesterday the convictions are not likely to affect its plans to purchase Migdal from Bank Leumi, since the NIS 6m. fine is negligible in the \$330m. transaction. Last week, Leumi signed a letter of

intent to sell 40% of Migdal to

#### Business Briefs

Henry Butcher opens local office: International asset consultant Henry Butcher has opened its first Middle East office here as part of its worldwide expansion program. The group offers a complete range of property and plant appraisal purchase and disposal services. The local office will specialize in introducing English real estate. investments and real estate management to Israeli and foreign

Established in 1877 in England, Henry Butcher has offices in England, the Far East, and North America as well as associate representations in Europe, South America, and Australia.

Flour, pasta prices drop: The prices of flour, bread and pasta, together with polyethylene, have been reduced as of today. Flour will cost 18.7 percent less, with bread prices down 4.5%. Osem produced pasta becomes 3.5% cheaper, with a 5% reduction

in the cost of polyethylene.

The reductions were approved yesikilds of immediately and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky.

David Harris

Joint meeting to prepare for Cairo: If the Cairo economic summit goes ahead in November, the industry and trade ministers of Israel, Egypt, Jordan, the PA, and US will hold a joint meeting, the Ministry of Industry and Trade reported on Tuesday. On the agenda will be plans to liberalize Middle Eastern markets.

New mango packing plant to open: A new NIS 500,000 mango packaging house will be opened later this month at Moshav Yonantan on the Golan. The moshav already grows 130 dunams of

The factory will annually handle 500 tons of mangos and to 600 tons of other fruit. Mangos are currently grown on seven farms on the Golan, covering some 2,200 dunams.

OPEC pumps more oil in July: OPEC countries broke their own self-imposed production ceiling in July, but robust demand and lower production from rival producers allowed the cartel to enjoy

higher than expected earnings, analysts said. A Reuter survey of oil analysts, industry officials and OPEC delegates showed that OPEC members pumped 25.86 million barrels per day (bpd) in July, up 90,000 bpd from a revised 25.77 million in

June, and well over their 25.03 million bpd ceiling. The need to replenish very low oil inventories and a delay in the implementation of a UN deal to allow OPEC member Iraq to sell some oil meant the market has easily absorbed the extra OPEC oil, traders said.

US job cuts up 79.7% in July: The number of Americans who lost their jobs soared in July, despite labor shortages in some industries, a survey said yesterday.

The number of job cuts jumped 79.7 percent to 41,843 from 23,283 in July 1995, according to Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc., an employment agency that tracks layoff announcements daily. The number of job cuts was the largest since January, when AT&T announced massive layoffs that boosted the monthly total to 97,379.

The July figure stood 4.2% above the 40,163 job cuts in June.

### Beilin attacks closure of Planning Authority

THE Prime Minister's Office confirmed yesterday it is abolishing the National Planning Authority, which for the last 30 years has provided longrange planning advice to successive governments. Its 16 employees, mainly economists, had not been told of the formal deci-

sion by yesterday afternoon. The decision was described as "a mistake" by MK Yossi Beilin (Labor), who as economics and planning minister was responsible for transferring the authority to the Prime Minister's Office, when he dismantled the ministry last

"The authority offered good, independent advice. We need something more objective than advice from the Treasury and Bank of Israel," said Beilin. Some of the staff will be redeployed elsewhere in the Prime Minister's

"We were doing long-term work, economic models. It's a shame to break up work tools," said one staff member." Both Beilin and the employee expressed concern that whatever replaced

the NPA would be filled with political appointees. NPA director Alon Liel was abroad last night and unavailable for comment.

### Mutual fund assets down 7.6 percent in July

Firm establishes Arab-sector consultancy

**JENNIFER FRIEDLIN** 

funding.

percent last month, mainly as a result of redemptions of NIS 510 million, according to the Meitav investment consulting firm's pre-

liminary calculations. The funds' total assets decreased to NIS 13.19 billion at the end of July, from NIS 14.28b. In June, mutual funds suffered redempzions of NIS 366m.

Meitav said July was a rough nonth for the local capital market and financial markets worldwide. especially Wall Street. It said the narket was hindered by the Bank of Israel's interest rate policy. According to Meitav, the drop

worsened because of the drop in he mutual fund index, which lecreased 4.3%, the largest drop ince the start of the year. Meitav said share funds were the

A company designed to provide

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**GALIT LIPKIS BECK** MUTUAL fund assets plunged 7.6 144m. State funds and bond funds suffered redemptions of NIS 127m. and NIS 120m. respectively, primarily because of the crisis which prevailed on the capital market. The flexible funds reported redemptions of NIS 86m.; mixed funds redemptions of NIS 56m.; and foreign currency-linked funds, NIS 30m. Funds investings in foreign stocks registered

redemptions of NIS 8m. The two medium sized banks managed to increase their share of the market at the expense of the private brokers. First International Bank's share grew to 6.8% from 6.5%, while United Mizrahi Bank's share rose to 4.7% from 4.5%. The main suffers were Ilanot Discount, whose share fell to 12.9% from 13.2%, and private brokers, who reported a drop to 15.9% from 16.1%.

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including the 1.5-ton AGM-142 and the POPEYE. Both missiles are carried on US and Israeli warplanes. The other two missiles being sold are the smaller POPEYE II and its nearly identical American counterpart HAVE LITE, designed for

SCITEX Corp.'s second-quarter net

losses totaled \$6 million, compared

to net profits of \$2.1m. in the same

period last year, the company

Revenues for the visual-informa-

"Our financial performance for

the quarter is disappointing," presi-

dent and CEO Yoav Chelouche said,

adding that the digital printing and

graphic arts sectors are experiencing

"The industry is consolidating and

most participants are experiencing

Shares in Scitex were down

\$0.1875 to \$14.875 in early-morn-

Second-quarter revenues in North

and South America increased 11%

to \$77m. and revenues in Japan

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announced yesterday.

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Yitzhak Gat, president of Rafael and Thomas Corcoran, president of Lockheed Martin pose in front of a Popeye missile after signing their joint marketing deal yesterday.

opportunity for Katael to increase its

based on Israel Air Force combat experience, and has been operational since the late 1980s. Israel has marketed the missile

abroad, and Rafael and Lockheed Martin have already cooperated to produce the AGM-142 for the US

According to the agreement, each

Scitex loses \$6 m. in second quarter

COMPANY RESULTS

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN and GALIT LIPKIS BECK

jumped 82% to \$32m, but revenues

Chelouche said the company will

have to tighten its belt and improve

efficiency with long-term solutions,

but he did not go so far as to confirm

In spite of having significantly

the first quarter, it is now clear that

further steps are required," Chelouche said. "We must restruc-

ture the pre-press business by

streamlining operations and intensi-

fying our operating cost reduc-

Chelouche said a detailed restruc-

turing plan will be released before

Scitex develops, manufactures,

and markets visual information

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reported second-quarter net profits of NIS 17.4 million, from NIS

17.05m. in the same period last year.

Six-month net profits rose 2 per-cent to NIS 54.4m., from NIS

Second-quarter sales rose 7.5% to NIS 167.9m., from NIS 156.1m.,

while six-month sales increased to

NIS 448.8m., from NIS 402.3m.

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in Europe dropped 22% to \$65m.

Martin represents a challenging company will manufacture the missues at their respective plants. It addition, certain recent and pending sales will continue to be handled under previous arrangements

> between the two firms. The agreement comes just days after reports from Ankara said Turkey and Israel are considering to produce jointly the POPEYE missile in a \$30 million deal.

Reports from Britain have said the UK Ministry of Defense is also interested in the POPEYE missile as well as in the anti-ballistic interceptor Arrow missile.

### Russia levies new oil export taxes, plans gas move

MOSCOW (Reuter) - Russia, before a more thorough examinawhich in July scrapped all export tariffs as part of a \$10 billion International Monetary Fund deal, began imposing new excise taxes on crude oil exports on August 1, the State Customs Committee said

Vladimir Yemelyanov, deputy head of the committee's press section, said the duties were being collected in line with a government decree dated July 27 aimed at

improving budget revenues.

He said the duty varies from 51,649 rubles to 82,536 rubles per ton of exported oil, depending on

the company exporting the oil. Yemelyanov said that in accordance with the same government decree, the committee planned to introduce excise duties on exports

of natural gas from January 1, 1997. A senior Western economist familiar with the issue but who declined to be identified said the new measures did not appear to contradict the terms of the IMF loan

agreement Russia scrapped tariffs on all oil,

natural gas and other exports as one of the conditions of the three-year

"My interpretation at this point export duties and procedures.

tion of the decree and its interpretations is that it is consistent with the measures Russia said it would take and is not a new form of export tax," the economist said.

He said he thought that the committee was taking over some of the functions of the state tax inspec-Government finances have been

badly hit by poor tax collection, with tax revenues running at only 60 percent of budgeted levels in the first half Fund officials have expressed

concern at the impact of this on fiscal policy, and want Russia to improve revenues. Oil export tariffs contributed bil-

lions of dollars to federal coffers each year before they were elimi-

The decree says that over 100 companies must pay the new export duty, but exempts some firms in Southern Russia and Northern Caucasus.

Trading companies will have to pay the maximum duty of 82,536 rubles per ton, Yemelyanov said. The committee is responsible for enacting government decrees on

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The rise was partially due to a 14% sales increase of crop protection products, mainly to western Europe and South America.

General manager Ilan Leviteh said the Ashdod-based producer of crop protection chemicals is looking rumors that the firm plans to lay off to increase the development and market penetration of new weed reduced our operating expenses in killer products. He said the company has increased its manpower in R&D, and by year's end will begin construction of laboratories that should increase R&D capacity by about 50%.

Operating income for the Koor subsidiary rose 14.7% to NIS 20.3m. in the reported period. Sixmonth operating income remained virtually unchanged, at NIS 65.7m., from NIS 65.1m. last year.

Tambour reported second-quarter earnings more than halved, to NIS 3.29m., compared with NIS 8.79m. in the same period last year. In the first six months, the paint manufacturer's net profits fell to NIS 9.65m., Last year's results for the Acre-

Ibased producer of paints included the activities of Sherfon, while this year's results include those of l Kedem Chemicals. Second-quarter sales fell slightly

to NIS 140.2m., from NIS 140.22m. in the same period last year.

\*Klil Industries, the Kiryat Motzkin based aluminum extruder, announced second-quarter net profits of NIS 2.34m., compared with

earnings of NIS 819,000 in the same period last year. Six-month sales fell to NIS 4.78m., from NIS 4.87m.

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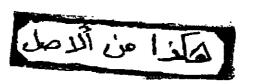
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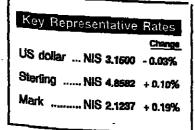
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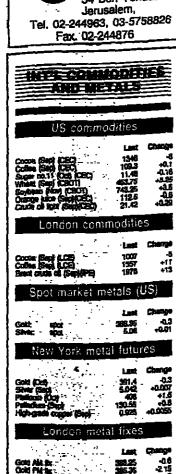
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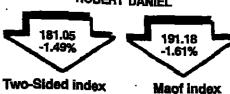


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STOCKS dropped 1.5 percent vesterday as investors debated the chances the central bank would cut interest rates. Gains by US stocks failed to lift Israeli

. "Someone called this a manicdepressive market, said Daniella L. Finn, head of sales at Betucha Investments in Tel Aviv. Even with a positive showing on Wall street on Tuesday, "Israeli stocks didn't do that well," she said, The Two-Sided Index dropped

1.49% to 181.05, while the Maof Index shed 1.61%, to 191.18. The most active stock was

Koor, up 0.5% on NIS 6.8 million of shares traded.

Leading stocks lower were Elco Holdings and its 3%-held affiliate Shekem, down 9% and 9.8% respectively; medicalequipment producer and defense contractor Elbit Ltd., down 5%, chemicals producer Dead Sea Works, which shed 5% and supermarket chain Supersol, off

Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, some NIS 77.5 million worth of shares traded, 10% higher than the average daily volume this month of 70.4 million and 2% greater than last month's

Shekem both fell for a second day, after Shekem said its chief executive resigned.

At Shekem, "they need to fire 1,000 people, and they have a very strong union," Finn said. "They need to be customer-oriented with people who come up and serve you, not people with an attitude of when will you get out of the store.' I'm sorry, but that's what the Shekem is still like."

Finn wouldn't make a call on interest rates, saying the arguments both for and against a cut are compelling.

Central Bank Governor Jacob Frenkel "was so adamant in his effort to cut inflation that the cut [last month] surprised me," Finn. said. "I will tell you that he does not want to cut interest rates."

At the same time, expectations are that inflation will ease, and the daily Ha'aretz is suggesting that the central bank might cut rates as much as 0.8 percentage points, she said.

Two weeks ago, Israeli stocks fell to 15-month lows. Until today, they had rebounded more than 9% from those levels.

"Unless rates go down and we see a positive breakthrough in the political arena, we may see the market at this level for quite a Holding company Elco and while, "Finn said. (Bloomberg)

### Franc heads towards lows as bourses drift

#### **WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP**

LONDON, Aug 7 (Reuter) - The French franc was under pressure in late trading yesterday, heading towards four-month lows against the mark, while European bourses drifted to the close.

The franc traded at around ternoon from 3.4039 on Tnesday, having hit four-month lows of 3.4128 in the morning. Its low for 1996 is 3.4530 to the mark.

The franc has been pressured this week by talk of a government reshuffle, that Prime Minister Alain Juppe had resigned, and that President Jacques Chirac was in talks with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl about delaying the introduction of a single currency.

"The rumors of a cabinet reshuffle served to highlight that we're entering a tough period for Prench financial markets. We could see the franc ranging between 3.38 and 3.42, even 3.43 is

conceivable," he said. Nick Parsons, foreign exchange strategist at Banque Paribas, said, "The mood remains points.

nervous but unless we get a more general ERM problem I don't see the franc breaking out of the old narrow band (3.4305 -francs: permark)."
"The fact it has been a specula-

tive sell off, rather than a liquidathe move more vulnerable to intervention or selective leaks of good news," Parsons said.

The government rolled out its big guns yesterday morning to try and stem the franc slide by underlining its commitment to meeting the Maastricht budget deficit criteria on time and that a planned 1997 spending freeze was intact.

Dealers said they suspected Bank of France was buying francs, but they had very little evidence and any operation was likely to be in small amounts.

French shares closed slightly lower in thin volume vesterday due to the weaker franc and despite a stronger dollar and a early rise on Wall Street, dealers said. The CAC-40 index was down 2.6

#### Stock market ends higher despite rising interest rates WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) ~ Rebounding technology shares helped turn the market higher yesterday despite rising interest rates, bringing the Dow Jones industrial average back above 5,700 for the first time since early July.

The Dow industrials rose for the sixth time in seven sessions, adding 22.56 points to close at 5,718.67. It put the blue-chip barometer within 60 points, or 1 percent of its all-time high.

The Dow and broader bigcompany measures bounced back in the last hour after surrendering early gains as the bond market weakened in yesterday afternoon's disappointing auction of \$10 billion in 10-year notes.

The yield on the 30-year Treasury bond rose to 6.77%, up from 6.75% late Tuesday.

Computer-related shares continued to rebound from July's slide, benefiting from improving assessments from brokerage houses. But the buying remained focused on bellwether names perceived to be less risky compared with the rest of the volatile technology sector.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 13-to-9 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,417 up, 983 down ? and 784 unchanged.

NYSE volume totaled 392.41 million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. 347.23m. in the previous session. The NYSE's composite index

rose 0.78 to 354.43, and the Standard and Poor's 500-stock index rose 1,77 to 664.15.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 12.24 to 1,141.11, and the American Stock Exchange's market value index rose 1.50 to 550.24.

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# Maccabi TA loses to Fenerbahce

of clinching a place in the lucrative European Championship League received a crushing blow last night in the first leg of its qualifying tie against Turkish champions Fenerbahce.

The Tel Avivans ended 1-0 losers in a match played in front of a disappointing crowd of 18,000 at the National Stadium, Ramat Gan before President Ezer Weizman.

The defeat came about in the cruelest possible fashion as the normally dependable goalkeeper Alexander Obarov committed a rudimentary error in the 42nd minute, letting a seemingly innocent 25-meter shot from Fenerbahce center Kemalettin Senturk pass through his bands.

It was an eerie replay of events at last year's qualifier against Grasshopper Zurich when a similar mistake by the giant Russian led to Maccabi's exit.

What made last night's loss more painful to swallow was that, until Obarov's slip, the traffic had been one way in Maccabi's favor as the Turks failed to live up to their prematch billing.

In the early minutes of the second half, Fenerbahce was reduced to 10 men after Emil Bulgarian striker Kostadinov was shown a red DEREK FATTAL

card for elbowing Amir Shelach in the face. Maccabi. however, was unable to take advantage of its greater numbers.

Avi Nimni and Yevegny Kashentsev were given acres of space in midfield from which to tease and taunt the Turkish defense in the first half, and set up telling opportunities for the double attacking force of Eli driks and Ofer Mizrachi.

Unfortunately the final touches never lived up to the quality build-up, and a succession of clear chances was squandered by Nimni, Driks and Nir Klinger. While a betting man might give the Tel Avivans a chance to redeem themselves in the second leg, in Istanbul in two weeks, last night's showing suggests that the money might be better spent on a roulette table in Anatolia.

In Brussels: Club Brugge (Belgium) 2, Steaua Bucharest (Romania) 2 (1-1). Scorers: Brugge – Nielsen (25th), Spehar (55th); Steaua – Die (44th, 61st) Attendance: 14,000. In Athens: Panathinaikos

(Greece) 1, Rosenborg (Norway) 0 (1-0). Scorer: Kryzstof Warzycha (19th). Attendance -35,000.

In Vienna: Rapid Vienna (Austria) 2, Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine) 0 (1-0). Scorers: Christian Stumpf (8th), Peter Guggi (89th). Attendance: 29,500.

In Lodz: Widzew Lodz (Poland) 2, Brondby IF (Denmark) 1 (0-0). Scorers: Widzew -Jacek Dembinski (64th), Slawomir Majak (73rd); Brondby - Ole Bjur (75th min). Attendance: 6,339

In Zurich: Grasshopper Zurich (Switzerland) 5, Slavia Prague (Czech Republic) 0 (2-0). Scorers: Kubilay Turkyilmaz (11th, 47th), Antonio Espositio (43rd), Viorel Moldovan (60th), Marcel Koller Attendance: 9,300.

### Rishon debuts in Cup Winners' Cup

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IRONI Rishon Lezion arrived in Moldova yesterday ahead of its historic entry into the realms of European soccer. Rishon is Israel's representatives in the European Cup Winners' Cup and plays its first leg match against Constructorol of Kishinyov today.

The Rishonis spent several days at a training camp in Belgium before making their way to the Moldovan capital via Budapest yesterday. The team, bar one, is reported to be fit, including foreign signings Tomas Cibola and Oleg Malukov, who had injury scares earlier this week. A third player, however, Alexander Bogaychuk is still in doubt for the

Little is known about the Moldovan side, however, it is not expected to be as strong as city rivals Zimbru who were Betar Jerusalem's opponents in the UEFA Cup last year. The Rishon side will be taking great care not to be complacent, however, particularly following the Jerusalemites' humiliation at the hands of unknown Bodo/Glimt on Tuesday

## Strawberry hits 3 HRs in Yankees' win

NEW YORK (AP) - Darryl Strawberry homered in his first three at-bats, leading the New York Yankees to a 9-2 win over the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday night.

Strawberry lined his fourth homer of the season into the rightfield seats in the second inning before unloading a 409-foot shot into the upper deck in right in the fourth off Kevin Tapani (10-6) to give the Yankees a 4-1 lead.

Following Bernie Williams' two-run triple in the fifth. Strawberry hit his third homer and fourth in consecutive Yankee Stadium at-bats to put New York ahead 9-1.

With a chance to become the 13th player to hit four homers in a major league game, Strawberry flied out to left in the seventh and was replaced by Gerald Williams in left field. It was the second three-homer game of Strawberry's

Kenny Rogers (9-5) settled down after shaky first and second inning to win his third consecutive start. The left-hander allowed a home run to Robin Ventura open-, ing the second, but held Chicago a to just five hits before leaving , after eight.

Cecil Fielder went 1-for-4 with c a single in his Yankee Stadium debut Red Sox 3, Blue Jays 2

Mike Maddux, making his first u start of the season, turned in a strong performance and Jeff Frye d and Darren Bragg delivered RBI doubles as Boston won at home. Maddux (1-1), sidelined since

May 4 with a strained right elbow. allowed only one run and six hits in six innings. Heathcliff Slocumb worked the ninth for his 16th save.

Bragg figured in all three Boston runs. He reached on a fielding error in the first and later A scored on a groundout by Mo Vaughn. In the sixth, Bragg lined a one-out double off the left-field wall and scored when Frye fol-

**NATIONAL LEAGUE** 

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lowed with a double down the left-field line.

Boston added what proved to be the winning run in the eighth on Bragg's second double.

Orioles 13, Brewers 3 BJ Surhoff went 4-for-5, hit two solo home runs and scored three times to lead visiting Baltimore. Mike Mussina (13-8) didn't allow a hit until Matt Mieske doubled leading off the sixth. He allowed four hits in eighth innings, struck out four and

walked one. Ben McDonald (10-6) lasted three-plus innings. He gave up eight runs and seven hits.

Indians 4, Mariners 3 Randy Johnson returned to host Seattle, but he entered the game too late to make a difference - the Cleveland Indians already had scored four runs off Bob Wells.

Johnson, last season's AL Cy Young Award winner, was activated Tuesday from the 60-day disabled list after missing 73 games because of a bulging disc in his back. Manager Lou Piniella put him temporarily in the bullpen until he's ready to start.
NATIONAL LEAGUE

Reds 3, Giants 2

Jeff Branson hit a two-run homer off Rod Beck with two outs in the top of the ninth inning, giving Cincinnati a road victory and sending the Giants to their seventh straight loss.

Barry Bonds' 31st homer, his sixth in 11 games, and Rick Wilkins' sacrifice fly in the seventh had given the Giants a 2-1 lead. But Beck (0-6) blew a save for the fifth time in 26 chances. Trailing 2-1, Eric Davis hit a leadoff single for the Reds and

stole second with two outs. Branson, drove who Cincinnati's first run with a squeeze bunt in the seventh, connected on a 2-0 pitch for his sixth homer of the season.

Hector Carrasco (3-2) pitched the eighth. Jeff Brantley finished



OLD FRIENDS - Darryl Strawberry waves to the Yankee Stadium faithful following his 3rd round-tripper.

for his 31st save in 35 chances. Cubs 3, Mets 0

Jaime Navarro pitched eight shutout innings and Jose Hernandez hit a two-run homer to lead Chicago to a home victory. Navarro (10-9) struck out five and walked three before leaving

after walking Bernard Gilkey to lead off the ninth. Bob Patterson replaced him and retired three straight hitters for his fifth save. Mark Clark (10-9) lost his third straight decision for the Mets,allowing three runs on seven hits, walking one and striking out

eight, one shy of his career high. Braves 10, Phillies 4 The Braves returned to Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium after a 17game road trip and routed Philadelphia.

Marquis Grissom had three of Atlanta's 16 hits, including two of

the Braves' six doubles. Chipper Jones also had three hits and two doubles as five pitchers combined on a three-hitter

Mike Bielecki (3-2) got the win with two innings in relief of Terrell Wade. Russ Springer (3-10) gave up five runs - three earned - and nine hits in 4% Dodgers 3, Pirates 1

Mike Piazza broke out of a slump with a two-run homer and Pedro Astacio kept host Pittsburgh's slide going by taking a shutout into the ninth.

Piazza homered into the centerfield seats in the fourth. His 27th homer came off Steve Parris (0-2). The Pirates lost their eighth in

and are a season-low 13 games below .500 at 50-63. Astacio (6-7) scattered 10 hits,

struck out four and walked none. He allowed an RBI double to Jason Kendall, who went 3-for-4. Padres L. Cardinals 0

Ken Caminiti homered and Tim Worrell picked up a rare win as a starter, leading San Diego to a

Worrell (7-5) won for the fifth time in 26 career starts. He allowed the Cardinals five hits in seven innings, striking out six and walking two. Trevor Hoffman retired the side in order in the ninth for his 26th save.

Expos 7, Astros 5 Jeff Fassero beat Houston for the third time in three starts this season, leading Montreal to a road

Fassero (12-7) allowed four runs and eight hits in five innings. Mel Rojas pitched 11/2 scoreless innings for his 21st save.

### **PGA Championship** starts today

LOUISVILLE (Reuter) - The PGA Championship, which starts

South Africa, Corey Pavin, Lee Janzen, Payne Stewart, Tom Kite here today, is the last chance for a player to win one of golf's four major championships this year and they know it.

Virtually all the top players in the world – 48 out of the top 50. 81 out of the top 100 - have assembled at unknown and untested Valhalla Golf Club for one more shot at the fame and fortune that a major title brings.

And the three players with a

chance to win two majors in 1996 - Masters champion Nick Faldo, US Open winner Steve Jones and Tom Lehman, fresh from his British Open triumph - are also set to tee it up today.

"You only get four cracks at it," noted defending champion Steve Elkington, who won his first major in last year's PGA at Riviera Country Club in Los Angeles.

Everyone wants to hoist this trophy," added Elkington, whose breakthrough victory last August came in a one-hole sudden death playoff with Colin Montgomerie of Britain, who also lost a US Open playoff.

With the possible exception of major-mad Faldo, whose all-consuming goal is to win all four titles in his career, Montgomerie might feel the most motivated to win here after last year's heart breaker. Faldo is obsessed with win-

ning the PGA and the US Open, to become only the fifth player to win all four in his career - after Gene Sarazan, Ben Hogan, Gary Player and Jack Nicklaus. The 39-year-old Faido has

already won the Masters and British Open three times each.

To take this championship, however, Faldo will have to prevail over the strongest field ever in a major championship.

Among them are US Open champions Jones, Emie Els of

and Tom Watson, who needs only the PGA to complete his personal Slam.

Other former major title holders here are No. 1 Greg Norman, Fred Couples, John Daly, Ben Crenshaw, Nick Price of Zimbabwe, Bernhard Langer of Germany and Ian Woosnam of Britain.

There are also a host of very good golfers looking for their first major, including Davis Love, who was second in last year's Masters and this year's US Open.

All of them face two formidable opponents - Valhalla's 7,144-yard, par-72 golf course and fierce heat and humidity, both of which have been hot topics of conversation this week.

The Nicklaus-designed course, which is hosting its first tournament of any significance, is brand new to most of the contestants, but it was quickly winning their CLASSICAL MUSIC

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The 10-year-old course has a spilt personality that seems to offer something for everybody.

The outgoing nine, which is relatively flat and virtually treeless, resembles a links course like those used for the British Open. The inward nine, cut through rolling woodlands, has elevated tees and greens and tree-lined fairways like most US Open venues.

Valhalla also has something unique - Kentucky's famous bluegrass, which players were learning can be quite tricky to play from, especially those delicate chip shots from around the greens.

The greens here also offer something a little different - big swales that can catch a ball and send it rolling into the deep green-

side bluegrass. "You want to avoid those because they're nasty little areas,"

Faldo said after seeing only half the course.

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Knicks sign three 1st-round picks

NEW YORK (AP) - The New York Knicks signed first-round picks John Wallace, Walter McCarty and Dontae' Jones to three-year contracts

New York selected Wallace, a former Syracuse star, with the 18th

Joseph Hoffman, Sports Editor

overall pick, took Kentucky forward McCarty with the No. 19 selection

and Mississippi State forward Jones with the 21st pick.

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TUESDAY'S AL RESULTS: Boston 3, Toronto 2 Texas 4, Detroit 2 New York 9, Chicago 2 Baltimore 13, Milwankee 3 Kansas City 9, Oakland 2 Minnesota 4. California 1 Cleveland 4, Seattle 3

Waqar ready to inflict more torment on England

LEEDS (Reuter) - Pakistan's neck speed. sultan of swinging yorkers, Waqar Younis, emerges from a nine-day rest today ready to inflict more torment on England in the second Test at Headingley.

Waqar, whose eight-wicket match haul was a key element in Pakistan's 164-run victory in the first Test at Lord's, has subsequently been kept under wraps to ensure he is at his most potent for Leeds. The Pakistan fast bowler played

the opening match of the three-Test series only after passing a late fitness test on a hamstring injury, and even then admitted later he was not 100 percent fit during the However, a refreshed and fully

recovered Waqar, with his ability to bowl late inswinging yorkers seemingly at will, should pose an even greater threat to England in Headingley's traditionally helpful conditions. A green pitch to favor England's

seamers would not perturb Waqar either, having explained after his Lord's success that he rarely uses the pitch since the yorker is his main weapon. England's preparations for

Headingley have been concentrated on combating the swinging yorker by using an electronic bowling machine. Coach David Lloyd said: "It's the first time we've used them with England and we were trying

to simulate the inswinging yorker.

We know what we are going to come up against with Waqar and we're practicing how to deal with Mike Atherton's team must also prevent Waqar, left-arm fellow swing bowler Wasim Akram and leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed from

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England lost the first Test under such circumstances when it plunged from 168 for one to 243 all out during the second session on the last day.

For Headingley, England has taken steps to bolster its batting by dropping the out-of-form Graeme Hick – 43 runs in six Test innings this season - in favor of a recall for John Crawley, and bringing back Nasser Hussain, sidelined at Lord's by a fractured right index

Hussain was England's leading scorer in the three-Test rubber against India during the first half

of the summer, his aggregate of 308 runs including two centuries. Both he and Crawley are expected to play in a line-up of six special-

With Jack Russell keeping his place as wicketkeeper, there is room for only four specialist bowlers, who are all likely to be

seamers if the pitch is left grassy. That would mean a return to the Test arena after an absence of more than two years for Somerset's New Zealand-born paceman Andrew Caddick, now fit after a lengthy battle to overcome

shin injuries. Caddick, who has bowled with

aggression in match-winning spells for his county this season, would link up with Dominic Cork. Chris Lewis, fit after missing the first Test with a thigh strain, and Alan Mullally in an all-seam quar-

England will wait until it has had a last look at the pitch before deciding on the composition of its attack, though overhead conditions at Leeds can be as significant as those on the ground. Sudden cloud cover can turn batting from a pleasant to a precarious business.

Headingley also has a reputation for producing definite results, though rarely in England's favor

during the past 10 years. In the nine Leeds Tests in that period it has won two, lost six and drawn one. Windies Gomez dies

Gerry Gomez, a leading figure in West Indies cricket for more than 50 years, has died in his native Trinidad, his family said. He was 76. Gomez collapsed Tuesday while

playing his weekly round of tennis, one of the several sports at which he was richly talented, with friends in Port-of-Spain. The cause of death was not immediately available.

Gomez played his first Test for the West Indies against England at

Manchester in 1939, when he was 19. A solid right-handed batsman and medium-pace swing bowler. his career included 29 Tests, his last against England in the West Indies in 1954.

As an administrator, he was a member of the West Indies Cricket Board of Control and team selec-

Aussie off-spinner May retires Former Australian Test off-spinner Tim May yesterday announced his retirement from cricket.

The 34-year-old took 75 wickets in 24 Tests, with bests of five for nine and 42 no against the West Indies in the Adelaide Test in 1993.

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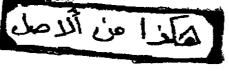
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KOREA'S "The Little Angels" are 45 girls from seven to 13 who dance their country's native dances with grace, verve and precision, dressed in the most gorgeous costumes. The ballet is accompanied by an orchestra which comprises drums, bells and stringed instruments particular to Korea. They sing, too. The tour continues at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center tonight at 8:30, tomorrow at 9:30 p.m., and Saturday at Binyenei Ha'uma at 9 p.m.

DANCE

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#### FESTIVAL

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ARKADI Duchin is the opening act for Yehuda Poliker at the Briza Beer Festival (21 kinds of beer, food and free shows for the family), which opens tonight at Ashkelon Park. The two will also perform together in the Amphitheater at 10:30 p.m. The Arad Festival, Phenomena and

Nigunim all end today. Arad's last night includes Youi Rechter, Ali Mohar and friends in My Only Love, an afternoon of Rechter's songs at 3 and Miki Gavrielov at 11 p.m., both in the Oron Cinema And last chance for that sunrise over Masada Park with Dani Litani and

Hebrew Blues at 3 a.m. Phenomena puppet shows in and around Liberty Bell Gardens in Jerusalem include The Pied Piper of Hamelin, Valse Mathilda, The Cuddly Animal Circus and How Kuba Courted Marquita. Info: (02) 673-6114.

Jordan's Circassian dance troupe is the star attraction in Circassian Experience at Rehaniya Village at Nigunim. The 60-member company of singers and dancers has traveled the world and performs regularly at the Jerash Festival in Jordan every summer. They're joined by the Caucasian Dance Troupe from Hadera. At 9 p.m. Info: (02) 673-6114.

#### CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE annual gala evening of the Israel Vocal Arts Institute takes place tonight (8:30) at the Noga Theatre in Jaffa where the Ra'anana Symphonette Orchestra will accompany a large array of young

**ACROSS** 

a soldier king (6)

8 Plant Poles

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9 Further loan (7)

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5 Surrounded and laid about

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11 Bloomer made by people travelling by road? (9)

13 The party leader lives for

14 Greek state causing more

17 The rich holding of some

20 Moderately appealing (6)

23 Get close to a very quiet

19 The prelacy view (3)

swimmer (8) -



Yehuda Poliker performs at the Briza Beer Festival

Plitman as Monica and extraordinary veteran soprano Mignon Dunn as her mother. A rare opportunity to see a first-rate opera with a great

THERE is a large variety of activities over the next few days at Kibbutz Eilon as part of the annual Keshet Eilon violin masterclasses. Today, the participants in this unique program meet Yair Delal and his ensemble who perform traditional ethnic Arab music on string instruments (5). Later in the evening, this visiting ensemble will perform (7:30), while the course participants present a concert at 9. Tomorrow's masterclass (5) is given by Michael Vaiman and there is a lawn concert at 7.45. Saturday (8:15) sees the final concert of the program in Eilon featuring some of the young participants.

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16 Novelist made to turn in

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12 Set free (6)

13 Decorate (8)

15 Grow larger (3)

22 Packing-case (5)

19 Dextrous (6)

21 Normal (5)

23 Centre (5)

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QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

5 Milled cereal (5)

8 Paying guests (8)

9 Severe (5)

10 Watchful (8)

11 Restrict (5)

16 Ferocious (6)

17 Perspicacious (6)

14 Stitch (3)

18 Levy (3)

24 Keep (8)

27 Pier (5)

20 Started (5)

25 Vacillate (5)

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#### which opens tonight at Ashkelon Park. opera singers from Israel and abroad in a ravishing program of great operatic arias and duets. Not to be missed. Saturday at the Israel Music Conservatory in Tel Aviv (9) you can see a mini production of Menoni's haunting opus The Medium, featuring young Israeli soprano Hila

Alaska Kanai 18:40 The A-Team 19:30 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:00 CNN 20:30 Evening Shade 20:55 Jake and the Fat Man 21:45 Law and Order 23:05 Larry King Live 00:00 TV Shop 2:00

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10:00 BBC nature series 11:90 Super Duper 11:30 Make a Wish (rpt) 12:00 Enid Blyton adventure stories 12:30 Basic Arabic 13:00 A Matter of Time 13:30 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air 14:00 Tick Tack 14:30 All Together Now 15:00 Clipop 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshef 17:30 Zehu Zeh 18:00 Santa Bantara 19:00 Baywatch 20:00 News 20:30 Hudson Street 21:05 Candid Camera with Yigal Shilton 21:50 Married to the Mob (1988) — A woman married to a Mafia hit man tries to flee the mob after his death, but discovers to her dismay that the local boss is amorously inclined towards her. Starring Mitchelle Pleiffer and Matthew Modine. (103 mins.) 00:00 News 00:05 Ticket for Two 00:30 Fleids of Fire 1:30 Dori on the Air 2:00 On the Edge of the Shelf

15:30 New Three Stooges 13:35 NBA Basketball 16:30 Take Your Pick (game show) 17:00 French programs 19:30 News Headfines 19:35 Carol & Company (comedy) 20:00 Taratata (music) 21:10 Star Trek – The Next Generation 22:00 News in English 22:25 Finding Mary March – film about a photographer, starring Rick Boland and Tara Manucl

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SECOND SHOWING (6)

■ DISCOVERY (8)

8:00 Sisters (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:20 Peria Negra (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dallas (rpt) 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:95 21 Jump Street 14:55 Sisters 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dallas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Peria Negra 20:50 Baywatch Nights 21:40 Renegade 22:30 The New Untouchables – suspense 23:20 Frasier 23:45 Metrose Place 00:35 Robin's Hoods 1:25 Rosie O'Neili 2:15 Return to Eden 3:05 Medicine Ball – drama 3:50 Peris - action series 22:00 Movie Makers – documentary series. Part 5: Arthur Penn 23:00 Night Moves (1975) – An aging movie star hires a private eye to track her runaway daughter, who is killed in an accident after she is brought home. With Gene Hackman, Jerniter Warren and Melanie Griffith. Directed by Arthur Penn (94 mins.)

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### **High Court orders** Ben-Yair to indict Shaki

THE High Court of Justice yester-day ordered Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair to indict MK Avner Shaki (National Religious Party), unless Shaki can convince the attorney-general at a hearing that the apparent evidence against him is baseless.

The ruling was issued in response to three petitions submitted by Jerusalem attorney Uri Ganor, the Movement for Quality Government in Israel and Amitai -Citizens for Good Government.

"We're sorry the attorney-general didn't decide this way on his own, and thereby save himself the embarrassment of having the court overturn his decision," Ido Shapira, of the Movement for Quality Government, said after the

Justices Gavriel Bach, Eliahu Mazza and Ya'akov Kedmi did uphold Ben-Yair's decision on one of the two cases dealt with in the petitions. This case involved some \$150,000 worth of contributions Shaki had received for a non-profit institution he headed, but which had been deposited in his and family members' personal bank accounts. Ben-Yair's conclusion regarding most of this money that it had been given to Shaki personally rather than to the institution, so no theft was involved was not the only possible one, the justices wrote, but it was supportable, so they would not intervene.

Similarly, his conclusion regarding \$10,000 which definitely was meant for the institution was not completely unfounded since criminal intent could not be proven because Shaki had repaid more than that sum even before the investigation against him began,

In the second case, however, Ben-Yair's decision was so out of committee has since been replaced

line that the court had to intervene something, the justices noted, which they do very rarely.
 This case involved three alloca-

tions made by the ministerial committee on bequests in 1990. Shaki, then religious affairs minister, was member of this committee, as well as of various subcommittees that made recommendations to the full committee. He recommended allocations totaling NIS 820,000 to three institutions run by relatives and political cronies.

Even though his son, daughter and two sons-in-law were on these institutions' boards, he neither disqualified himself from participating in the decisions nor informed his fellow committee members of this fact. Ben-Yair decided there was enough evidence in this case to indict Shaki for fraud and breach of trust, but ruled that there was no public interest in prosecut-

On the face of it, the attorneygeneral's decision ... is more than a little astonishing." the justices wrote. "It seems to us that, as a matter of principle, the existence of prima facie evidence that a crime of the type we are discussing has been committed by a public figure is enough in and of itself to create the presumption of

public interest in an indictment." The justices then rebutted each of Ben-Yair's seven reasons for closing the case. The fact that the format of the ministerial committee invited politicized allocations does not excuse Shaki, they said, since the promotion of family interests is far more blatant and severe than the mere promotion of causes close to one's political heart. Nor does the fact that this

a retired judge obviate the need for deterrence, they continued. Though this particular channel for corruption has been closed, many others remain, and it is necessary

to send a clear message that no abuse of power by public servants will be tolerated. They also said Ben-Yair erred in believing his own rebuke of Shaki was sufficient to send the message that such behavior is inappropriate. On the contrary, the statement

that there is no public interest in a

trial is liable to send the opposite message, they said. The justices therefore ruled that Ben-Yair should give Shaki a hearing, and then file an indictment if Shaki did not convince him that the apparent evidence was wrong. Furthermore, they said, Ben-Yair should also consider charging Shaki with exercising governmental authority in a case in which he had a personal inter-

While Ben-Yair ruled that Shaki had no personal interest in this case, the justices countered that his success in obtaining these contributions would clearly have added to Shaki's status in his own circles, and that therefore there was a personal interest.

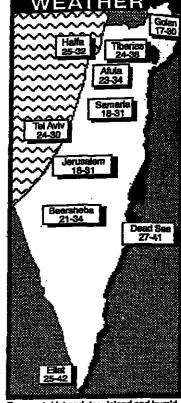
Finally, the justices told Ben-Yair to move quickly on the case, before the statute of limitations expires. The attorney-general promised to comply with all parts of the ruling.
Shaki is abroad and was unavail-

able for comment.

The NRP said yesterday that it accepted the court's decision, but nevertheless maintained its faith in Shaki's integrity, fairness and righteousness, and would do whatever it could to help him in his



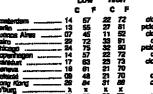
Labor MK Ehud Barak, a former chief of general staff (foreground), and OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine (right), leave a military court in Tel Aviv yesterday after testifying as character witnesses at the court-martial of Col. Amos Ben-Avraham. (Ilan Ossendryvez/Israel Sun)



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Winning cards In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the king of spades, 10 of hearts, queen of diamonds, and

### Panel recommends starting AIDS information campaign among foreign workers

THE Health Ministry's AIDS steering committee has recommended steps to reduce the risk of HIV infection from foreign workers, many of whom come from countries with high rates of the

The committee, which met on Tuesday, will for the first time launch AIDS information campaigns among foreign workers in their native languages and more strictly supervise HIV testing at the expense of their employers.

Committee chairman Dr. Zvi Ben-Yishai said last night he was shocked by recent revelations about massive numbers of foreign workers in the country - illegal and legal.

"Who would have dreamed that there would be 250,000 of them?" he said.

According to regulations, contractors who apply to bring in foreign workers must present a document from a foreign AIDS-testing clinic or hospital that is recognized by the Health Ministry here. The contractors, who pay for their JUDY SIEGEL

health coverage, are supposed to have the workers tested for AIDS every three months at their

Ben-Yishai conceded that while thousands have been tested, they constitute only a minority. "No doubt, there is a problem. We must tell the contractors that whoever isn't tested regularly and found clean of HIV will be deported," he added.

Meanwhile, Inon Schenker, head of the Jerusalem AIDS Project, said he suspected that some of the documents claiming incoming workers are free of HIV are forged.

"They earn much more here than in their native country and have a lot at stake. And once they come here, their behavior is high risk. They come without their family, have money to spend, and free time on their hands. They don't necessarily use condoms when they go to prostitutes," he

AIDS information campaign in their native languages immediately upon arrival, "just as ways of avoiding occupational accidents are explained to them."

Schenker yesterday took part in an unusual Jerusalem meeting of AIDS education experts from Jordan, Israel, and the Palestinian Authority, who had formed a "Middle East AIDS Mission" during the recent international AIDS conference in Vancouver. In November, the group will hold a regional conference in Jerusalem. Schenker said that AIDS educators in Lebanon, Tunisia and Algeria have already expressed their inter-

est in coming. The group have agreed starting September to publish a joint newsletter in Hebrew and Arabic that will be distributed among 6,000 AIDS-prevention educators in the Middle East, he said.

The Middle East AIDS Mission is supported by the health min-istries of Israel and the Palestinian Authority, the UN Development

ONE by one, top generals, a former chief of staff and the defense minister testified yesterday at the court-martial of Col. Amos Ben-Avraham, convicted with two other officers of causing the death by negligence of two sol-

Called as character witnesses by Ben-Avraham, the generals' participation in the trial was also seen as a message to the military courts against the increasing number of trials against senior officers lately. The special military court in Tel Aviv was to have sentenced Ben-Avraham and the other two officers yesterday, but delayed doing so to extend the deliberations.

The prosecution demanded a heavy punishment - including a prison term and demotion. Defense attorney Avigdor Feldman said demotion was not only humiliating but equivalent to putting an end to an officer's military

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career. The defendants had suffered enough, he

The 1992 training accident took the lives of Yaron Bar-Dor, 19, of Jerusalem and Eran Ofer, 19, of Afula, who died of heat stroke during a map-reading exercise in the Negev while serving in Sayeret Matkal, the General Staff's commando unit.

Bar-Dor's father, Yoel, said the family understands the unit's officers were among the best in the IDF, but still feels the officers' negligence caused his son's death.

"Accidents don't happen. They are caused and someone needs to be responsible and answer for every accident in the IDF," Bar-

The steady stream of top generals, starting ith Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and

**EVELYN GORDON** 

Top brass testify for negligent officers former chief of staff MK Ehud Barak, came to the court to support Ben-Avraham.

"I can't say that one ruling will change reality, but the long chain of the past years is certainly likely to harm the sense of security among commanders that the military establishment ... can give them the appropriate backing

in difficult situations like this," Barak said. Barak said a formula had to be found to separate criminal investigations and operational

Mordechai's attendance was considered exceptional and defense officials said it was to send a message to other IDF officers that they have the ministry's backing.

In a closed-door hearing, OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan reportedly warned that a harsh sentence would have severe repercussions as it would cause commanders to avoid responsibility.

#### Program, and the governments of Schenker called for an effective Britain and Italy. B'tselem: Ehud Yatom should

be arrested and tried abroad EHUD Yatom, the General Security Service agent who admitted to crushing the skulls of two captured Palestinian bus-hijackers, should be arrested and tried abroad, B'tselem said yesterday.

The group said it has never before asked foreign countries to arrest an Israeli official, but decided to do so now because Yatom cannot be tried in Israel. Yatom reportedly left for Switzerland last month.

Yatom and other officers involved in the 1984 deaths of the two prisoners were pardoned by thenpresident Chaim Herzog. The Supreme Court upheld

B tselem said the "excessive tolerance" shown by the government toward the crimes "perpetuates the view that Israel's security justifies the taking of human life and the disregard of the rule of law.

B'tselem believes it unacceptable that a person proudly claiming to have committed premeditated murder walks freely within Israeli society," the group

"Yatom's contention that he performed this act with permission and authority recalls the most loathsome regimes that justified committing heinous crime on the grounds of following orders."

B'tselem said it was also concerned that the killings were not exceptional, but were accepted practice in

GSS chief Ami Ayalon told the cabinet last week that the agency "operates in order to prevent terror attacks and does not partake in punishing terrorists." B'tselem said Yatom's actions fall within the definition of torture under UN conventions and therefore he could be arrested and tried abroad.

B'tselem also urged the government to make sure Yatom does not serve in any public position and to initiate legislation so that people who violate human rights are not absolved from criminal

#### Yoram Tzelkovnik, vice-president

DEFENSE Minister Yitzhak Mordechai yesterday agreed to postpone the choice of a new president for the Military Court of Appeals until he has looked into the Movement for Quality Government in Israel's request that he suspend himself from the appointments committee.

The movement asked both Mordechai and OC Manpower Maj.-Gen. Gideon Sheffer to suspend themselves from the appointments panel due to possible conflicts of interest. The committee was supposed to have met today.

In Mordechai's case, the movement said, the conflict stems from

the candidacies of Brig.-Gen. of the appeals court, and former judge advocate-general Brig.-Gen. Ilan Shiff. Tzelkovnik, while serving as president of the Southern Region Military Court in 1990, said senior commanders, including Mordechai, might be partly to blame for the death of an Arab. who four Givati Brigade soldiers beat to death in 1988. As a result of this finding, an investigation was opened, but the case was later

men's differing involvement in the affair could create the suspicion that Mordechai's choice would be influenced by motives of either revenge or gratitude.

In Sheffer's case, the movement said the potential conflict stems

Mordechai delays choice of new court head from an investigation against him last year for allegedly using army materials to pave a road near his house, and then allegedly lying to the Military Police. Shiff decided not to indict him, and the case was closed with a reprimand.

The movement thanked Mordechai for his prompt response.

#### closed by Shiff. The movement said the two **British question Fudeh** over London blasts occasion.

HUDA Fudeh, released last week by Acre Magistrate's Court for lack of evidence after being held for possible involvement in two 1994 London bombings, was questioned by British justice officials in a Tel Aviv court vesterday.

Fudeh, 30, of Acre, who had been arrested upon her arrival from Europe nine days before her release, was brought in for questioning at the request of British authorities. At the time of her arrest, security sources said she was being held in

connection with a car bombing outside the Israeli Embassy in London, which wounded 14, and another the same day outside the North London offices of a Jewish fund-raising organization, which wounded five.

Army Radio said Fudeh had been detained because of her reported

friendship with the sister of Nadia Zekra, 48, a main suspect in the

Fudeh had denied any link to the attacks.

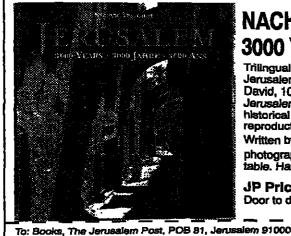
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